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RUSSIAN COVID VACCINE SAFE, SAYS LANCET STUDY

Sputnik V has been shown to elicit antibody response with no serious adverse effects in Phase I and II human trials

T-CELL RESPONSE WITHIN 28 DAYS

In an early-phase non-randomised vaccine trial involving 76 people, the two formulations of the vaccine demonstrated a good safety profile over 42 days, and induced antibody responses in all participants within 21 days. The vaccine also produced a T-cell response in participants within 28 days. The T-cells support immune function by killing the infected host cells

PHASE III TRIAL MAY INVOLVE INDIA

- Reports suggest that Russia is planning the Phase III trial of the vaccine involving 40,000 people in October
- Moscow is currently in talks with New Delhi to conduct the Phase III trial of the vaccine here. Moscow is also trying to get Indian manufacturers to mass-produce the vaccine | P9

Sputnik-5

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Peace tied to trust, non-aggression: Rajnath

Holds talks with his Chinese counterpart Wei in Moscow; Army Chief says soldiers ready for any contingency on LAC

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing a bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart General Wei Fenghe, in Moscow on Friday | PTI

DIALOGUE IS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD: SHRINGLA

Addressing a webinar in Delhi, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said, "There has been amassing of troops. Both sides have been engaged through diplomatic and military channels. Dialogue is the only way forward and we are open to communication."

PUSHKAR BANAKAR AND MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN the first high-level face-to-face meeting since the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh became volatile in early May, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held talks with his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe in Moscow on Friday to resolve the stand-off.

Earlier political interactions were over telephone, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval speaking to their counterparts separately.

At the time of going to press, there was no clarity on the outcome of Friday's talks. But hours earlier, Singh set the tone for the bilateral dialogue by emphasising that peace in the region demands a climate of trust, cooperation and non-aggression.

He was addressing the combined meeting of Defence Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Collective Security Treaty Organisation and Commonwealth of Independent States. "Peaceful, stable and secure region of SCO member states demands a climate of trust and cooperation, non-aggression, respect for international rules and norms, sensitivity to each other's interest and peaceful resolution of differences," he said. Wei was present during the address.

In Delhi, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said it will not be business as usual with China until the LAC situation is peaceful, adding the situation is "unprecedented". "We have lost, for the first time, lives of soldiers which has not happened in the last 40 years....The linkage between what happens at the border and relations are large. It cannot be business as usual with China unless there is peace at the border. The present India-China situation is the most serious challenge and India remains committed to its territorial integrity," Shringla said.

In Ladakh, Army Chief General M M Naravane said, "The situation along the LAC is tense. The troops are prepared for all contingencies." CONTINUED ON:

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RBI puts startups in priority basket, expands list of lending categories

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Start-ups, small and marginal farmers and weaker sections will now get the priority sector tag. To ensure better credit penetration, the Reserve Bank of India on Friday revised its Priority Sector Lending (PSL) rules to include credit to start-ups (up to ₹50 crore), loans to farmers for installation of solar power plants and loans for setting up compressed biogas plants.

That apart, the targets prescribed for small and marginal farmers and weaker sections will be increased in a phased manner. Also, loan limits for renewable energy have been doubled under the revised norms.

To address the regional skew, the central bank has put in place an incentive framework for banks under which higher weightage will be assigned for incremental priority sector credit in specified districts.

Experts hailed the decision, calling it a policy enabler. "We believe that this is an ideal example of policy federalism adopted by the RBI in promoting financial and social inclusion in line with the Central government's agenda of providing financial inclusion to backward districts in the country. There could be some more policy options to further improve lending under PSL, in areas of education, housing, export credit and financial inclusion," said Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser of SBI.

The inclusion of start-ups will reduce their cost of capital by allowing them better access to bank credit and lower their reliance on equity funding.

Bank loans up to ₹30 crore to borrowers for purposes like solar-based power generators, biomass-based power generators, wind mills, micro-hydel plants and for non-conventional energy based public utilities, will be eligible for priority sector classification. For individual households, the loan limit will be ₹10 lakh per borrower.

EXPRESS READ

Bihar polls, 65 bypolls to be held at same time: EC

New Delhi: The pending by-elections to one Lok Sabha and 64 assembly seats spread across 15 states and the Bihar assembly polls will be held around the same time, the Election Commission (EC) said on Friday. here have been demands by some political parties to postpone the electoral exercise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B'luru Turf Club gets nod to conduct races

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Turf Club on Friday got the greenlight from the state government to conduct races, but without spectators. The dates for the resumption of the truncated season will only be decided after the managing committee meeting, which is expected to be known next week. P2

Panel report says DJ Halli riot planned

Bengaluru: Deeming the August 11 violence in DJ Halli, Bengaluru, a planned, organised attack by Muslim mobs targeting Hindus, an independent citizens' forum on Friday submitted its report to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa. The report accuses the SDPI and PFI of planning and executing the riot. P7

Actress Ragini's arrest blows lid off drug racket in Sandalwood

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Friday arrested popular Kannada actress Ragini Dwivedi for her alleged links with the drug racket in the Kannada film industry (Sandalwood). The police have also nabbed the prime accused Viren Khanna — termed as a 'big catch' — from New Delhi and also a realtor from Bengaluru, taking the total number of arrests to four.

Ragini was arrested after a thorough four-hour search of her Yelahanka residence early on Friday which was followed by five hours of grilling.

After filmmaker and journalist Indrajit Lankesh gave his statement to the CCB about drug abuse in Sandalwood, the police acted quickly and arrested K Ravishankar, an employee at the Jayanagar Regional Transport Office. He claimed to be a "close acquaintance" of Ragini, Police Commissioner Kamal Pant confirmed at a press conference on Friday afternoon.

Indrajit had earlier claimed on a TV channel that at least 15 persons from Sandalwood were involved in the drug trade.

During Ravishankar's interrogation, the police learnt about actors attending parties to consume drugs. He is said to have revealed to the police that he carried drugs, to be supplied to the guests at the parties. Ravishankar has been suspended after his alleged involvement came to light soon after his arrest.

Following the revelations, Ragini was served a notice by the CCB, summoning her to depose before them on Thursday. However, the actress is said to have sent her lawyers to request postponing her deposition until Monday, which the CCB rejected, and instead, asked her to depose before them on Friday. CONTINUED ON: P3

Kannada actor Ragini Dwivedi being brought for questioning in connection with the drug racket case at the CCB head office in Bengaluru on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

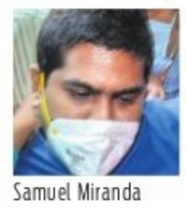
GANJA WORTH ₹7L SEIZED

Customs officials at Kempegowda International Airport seized 484 gm of marijuana being smuggled through an international courier flight on Friday. According to an official, they seized the drugs worth Rs 7.78 lakh. The shipment had been booked from Canada, he said.

Rhea's bro, Sushant aide held for links to drug mafia

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

Showik Chakraborty



Samuel Miranda

THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Friday arrested actor Rhea Chakraborty's brother Showik Chakraborty and Sushant Singh Rajput's house manager Samuel Miranda, in connection with a drug probe linked to the actor's death

Showik was arrested in the evening after interrogation at the NCB office. The NCB conducted the raid at Rhea's house on Friday, a day after alleged drug peddler Zaid Vilatra admitted dealings with Showik. It seized laptops, hard drives and other digital evidence.

Sushant's house manager Samuel Miranda was also detained, and subsequently, arrested by NCB on Friday. The agency had raided his office earlier in the day. "Now there will be interrogation regarding the WhatsApp chats of Showik, indicating drug procurement, that has gone viral," sources said.

The NCB registered a case last Wednesday after the Enforcement Directorate wrote to it. Soon afterwards, on the intervening night of August 27-28, the NCB carried out searches in Mumbai and two persons, namely Abbas Lakhani and Karan Arora were arrested, and the 'bud' was recovered from their possession. A detailed network analysis and the follow-up investigation, uncovered the linkages of Lakhani with Vilatra.

'MANAGERS' OF RAVE PARTIES NOW UNDER POLICE SCANNER

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

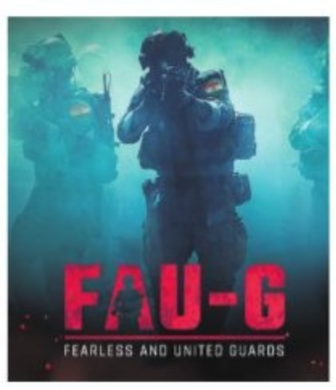
THE city has been rocked by a contraband drugs trade which has players from across the spectrum of society. Rave parties are held on invitation among closed circles and a range of contraband drugs — from curated marijuana, weed to MDMA, LSD blots and cocaine — are "sold" to the invitees. The venue of the rave parties is disclosed only at the last minute and is never hosted at the same place for a second time. The spotlight now is on some "event managers" of these rave parties.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police have unearthed an alleged nexus involving a government official, Ravishankar, Sandalwood actress Ragini Dwivedi, realtor Rahul Shetty and a party organiser Viren Khanna in the drug network in Bengaluru.

"We have just started the investigation in the drug trafficking and abuse case two days ago. The CCB has arrested some people and their interrogation will reveal more details. Some others are on the radar," said City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant. CONTINUED ON: P3

ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Homegrown FAU-G coming soon to replace PUBG



ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TWO days after the Centre banned the highly popular mobile gaming app PUBG, Bollywood star Akshay Kumar on Friday announced a made-in-India action game, set to be launched next month. The game, titled FAU-G, is being developed by Bengaluru-based nCore Games.

"Supporting PM @narendramodi's Atmanirbhar movement, proud to present an action game, Fearless And United-Guards FAU-G. Besides entertainment, players will also learn about the sacrifices of our soldiers," Kumar, whose tilt towards the ruling dispensation is well known, tweeted.

The game is reportedly based on real-life scenarios encountered by the Indian security forces as they deal with domestic and foreign threats. Its first level will be set against the backdrop of the Galwan Valley—the site of India-China clashes in June. It will be followed by third-person shooting gameplay.

The banishing of PUBG has created a huge void in the Indian mobile gaming arena, which every gaming developer is scrambling to fill.

But, experts say many Indian developers are missing the digital capabilities of Chinese giants like Tencent.

Dayanidhi MG, co-founder and CEO of nCore Games is nonetheless confident that his team can pull it off. "We managed genre-defining MOBA games like Vainglory of SuperEvil Megacorp for the worldwide audience. We have also worked with global studios like Rovio," he said. CITY EXPRESS: P3

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MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C
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Sunrise 6.08 am | Sunset 6.27 pm | Moonrise 8.41 pm | Moonset 8.25 am

BTC OFF THE BLOCK, TO HOLD RACES SOON

Government gives green signal, but says no spectators allowed; Managing committee meet to set safety protocol

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) on Friday got permission from the state government to conduct races, but without spectators. However, the dates for a short season may be announced only after the managing committee meeting of the BTC, expected sometime next week.

The meeting is going to be important, where key decisions need to be taken, including laying down of strict protocols to be followed inside the course during the races. Though there will be no spectators, the committee still has to keep in mind the challenges due to Covid-19.

"It is positive news that the club received permission, and we are thankful to the government. Now, there is so much of work to be done after receiving the confirmation" a BTC official told *The New Indian Express*. "Most importantly, we will have a managing committee meeting soon. Many issues will need to be addressed. All the pros and cons have to be discussed and only then will we be in a position to start looking at the roadmap ahead and decide upon dates."

Besides, the jockeys have to be in perfect shape and horses have to be fit before the resumption of races. Racing came to a halt in March, but the horses were well looked after during the pandemic.

Experienced trainer Padmanabhan feels the new normal will be challenging. "I do think that races without spectators at the venue is a new normal. It is going to be challenging, both for the horses and the jockeys, mentally as well as physically. When horses hear the public screaming, they also get motivated." the trainer said.

With the club already getting permission from the government for online betting in July, work is on to get the app functional. It should be ready in the next three to four weeks. "We will have to do online betting like other countries. If and when people start betting on the app, the money will start coming in and when that happens, the government also makes money as well as the club," said the BTC official on Friday.

House panel for longer mayor term, 225 wards in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A joint legislature committee, set up to review a comprehensive law for Bengaluru, held its maiden meeting with the State Government on Friday to discuss amendments to the Karnataka Municipal Act, 1956, and enacting a separate Bengaluru Municipal Act, 2020. The committee has 22 members — 11 from BJP, nine from Congress and three from JD(S).

Notable among the proposals put forth were enhancing the term of the mayor from the present one year to 3-5 years and increasing the number of zones and wards under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Committee chairman and C V Ramanagara MLA S Raghu told The New Indian Express on the sidelines of the meeting that 40 points were placed before the government for discussion. The next meeting is to be held on Monday when the B S Patil and Kasturirangan reports will also be discussed.

Among other issues discussed was that a corporator who is also an MLA, will have to give up one of the posts. Also, an MLC who is also a voter in another district but a resident of Bengaluru, will have to forgo his/her voting right either in Bengaluru or in that district. The committee also deliberated upon the constitutional rights of voters in length and whether MLAs or other elected representative should be allowed voting in the BBMP council.

The committee has also proposed to increase the number of zones in Bengaluru from the existing eight to at least 10-12 and appoint principal secretary-level IAS officers who will take independent decisions on the management of the zones. "At present, joint commissioners have been appointed to each zone and they take decisions in consultation with the commissioner. The committee also proposed to increase the number of wards in the existing geographical area of Bengaluru from 198 to 225 wards. At present, some wards are spread across 1 sqkm while some on city outskirts are spread across 20 sqkm," Raghu pointed out.

The entire exercise of remodelling the KMC Act must be completed before November 30, the deadline set by the Election Commission to prepare the final voter list. A draft will be made public for 30 days to elicit public opinion. Opinions of all stakeholders and experts, including RWAs, retired IAS officers and chief secretaries will also be taken, he said.

HSR residents furious with stadium plan

PREEJA PRASAD @ Bengaluru

RESIDENTS of HSR Layout are unhappy over the proposal of a stadium to come up in the area.

The stadium, a Rs 140-crore project, is proposed to be built across the BBMP Grounds near Nandini Joint, in HSR Layout Sector 3. The project is said to be the initiative of Bommanahalli MLA M Satish Reddy.

Kavitha Reddy, RWA member, HSR Association, told TNIE, "The residents fought for over five years in the HC to ensure the playground is not converted into a judges' housing colony. If the stadium is built, it will be taken up as a contempt case."

Residentssaid Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had planned to lay the foundation stone on Saturday. "Now we hear the event was cancelled, but the project is still on," Kavitha said, adding the residents are looking at taking their plea forward in a legal manner.

Girish K Shivalingaiah, another resident, said, "The stadium will only add to air and noise pollution, apart from creating huge traffic congestion," he said.

According to the project layout, the stadium will include a cricket ground and other sports facilities.

S Ramkrishna, BBMP zonal joint commissioner (Bommanahalli), denied any such project, despite the groundbreaking ceremony being postponed due to former President Pranab Mukherjee's death.

READY TO ROLL

Police officers, Home Guards and Metro staffers review security arrangements ahead of the commencement of Namma Metro operations in Bengaluru, on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Power cut in Sarjapura today

Bengaluru: Power will be disrupted following the shifting of the 66-KV Sarjapura-Attibele single circuit line and Sarjapura-Muthanallur double circuit line between 8 am and 6 pm on Saturday. Areas to be affected are Sarjapura, Chambenahally, V Kallahlly, Dasarahalli, Ittanguru, Saiven apartment, Sowparnika apartment phase 1 and 2, PSR Asters apartment, Alcheture apartment, Funse layout, Thindlu, Muguluru, Pandithana Agrahara, Mattanahalli, Kuthuganahalli, M C Halli, Billapura, Burugunte, Adigarakallahalli, Silk Farm, Attibele, Attibele Industrial area, Neraluru, Yadavanahlli, Suryanagara phase-3, Mayasandra, Dommasandra, T C Halli, Heggonadanahlli, among others. **ENS**

TAKE A HIKE, LITERALLY!

Weekend trekkers pull on their hiking boots as routes open up

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TREKKERS are back, hitting the beaten paths over the weekend, after months of hibernation. The Karnataka forest department, which announced the opening of three trek routes on the outskirts of Bengaluru from September 5, was surprised to see the slots quickly booked to capacity.

With demand soaring, the Eco-Tourism Board has written to Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCF) in other circles to open up trekking routes. DCFs have sought permission from the forest head office to increase the carrying capacity on some routes.

Earlier this week, the Eco-Tourism Board opened its window for online registration for trekking in Makalidurga, Skandagiri and Avalabetta for the first weekend, September 5 and 6.

"Registration is full for Avalabetta and Makalidurga, with 40 trekkers each, and 140 for Skandagiri. There are 11 recognised eco-trails in the state, of which three have been opened for the first time after the lockdown. Based on the number of cases, DCFs will open up other routes for trekking," Assistant Conservator of Forests Ramesh, in charge of eco-trails in the eco-tourism department, told TNIE.

The forest department and local administration are working overtime to ensure tourists follow health department norms and there is no overcrowding. This, and lack of discipline among visitors, had led the local administrations of Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu to ban the entry of tourists, especially from Bengaluru.

ECO TOURISM ROUTES

Avalabetta, Chikkaballapur
Bidarakatte, Magadi
Makalidurga, Doddaballapur
Savandurga, Magadi

Ballalrarayana Durga Fort, Chikkamagaluru
Skandagiri, C'ballapur

Bandage Falls, Chikkamagaluru
Rani Jari, Chikkamagaluru
Siddarabetta, Hassan
Devarayanadurga, Hassan

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th September: Did you ever wonder why actors and pop singers are called stars? It's because of the ancient tradition which held that the stars were the souls of dead heroes. If you were a great king or queen - or warrior - in the ancient world, then a place was saved for you in heaven, in one of the constellations. And, once there, you were forever part of the greatest show in the universe - the night sky.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Monetary matters are again highlighted, which could mean that this is a fine day for a spot of uncontrollable extravagance! On a deeper psychological level you are driven by a need to feel appreciated and valued. Honestly, you probably deserve a little extra attention.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon enables you to act with sensitivity and compassion, and this really is a case of least said, soonest mended. You may turn your attention to friends and loved ones who need your support, not a ticking off. Respect authority by all means, but don't be cowed by it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Discretion may be the better part of valour, at least for another twenty-four hours. At home you are likely to be in a crusading mood and, if aroused, you will fight other people's battles as if they were your own. Watch out that you don't shoulder too much responsibility, though.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may well feel that relations, friends and even business associates have been unreasonable, not to say unkind. However, over the next week or so, you will begin to see how you can gain the upper hand, especially in cash matters. If you do get an advantage, use it wisely.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your confidence is set to rise - a process which you can aid. If you abandon lingering pride, you will begin to realise that nobody has genuinely offended or slighted you. Perhaps you should give a partner the benefit of the doubt. You know it makes sense!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Even current battles over matters of principle should do little to dent your interests. In affairs of the heart, you should concentrate on friendship rather than intensity and passion. If you're in an extravagant mood, you may now spend on pleasure rather than necessities.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's an imaginative moment, and artistic and creative types should redouble their efforts. This includes all of you to some extent, for what is common to your sign is an ability to perform every task with original and expressive flare. What's more, your valuable experience is also coming into play now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It is perhaps too much to expect partners to compromise. But, then, why should they? You may have a very good instinct for what is right in general, but others have a much more appropriate notion of what is best in particular circumstances. Listen well, for you might hear something of value!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's a day for work. This doesn't necessarily mean that you'll be tied to routine chores, but it does indicate that the most appropriate leisure activities will be those that keep you active - and involve new skills. In fact, you might find that a private interest could bring financial profit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Give a priority to pleasure today. It's definitely a moment to get out and about and all sporting and competitive types are favoured. You could well be ready for a quiet evening, or, if you're going out, some sort of serious entertainment. Old-fashioned pleasures could be most attractive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Encouraging planetary aspects relate to money and to family affairs. If any sort of domestic spending is on the cards, even if you're in the housing market, the indications are exceedingly positive indeed. The best relationships are based around shared activities rather than raw passion.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There's a sort of growing exuberance today, perhaps a sense of anticipation. You may hear long-awaited personal news but, if it doesn't arrive, you should take the initiative. Your emotions continue to benefit from smooth Venusian influences and mature Saturnine instincts.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

RRGH! I'VE GOT CABIN FEVER!
REALLY! WE CAN ONLY TEXT SO MUCH!
I'VE GOT THE PERFECT REMEDY!
SOME CLASSIC FUN! I CAN RECLAIM MY CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS WITH FAMILY MONOPOLY!!
TEXTING ISN'T THAT BAD...
SORRY, DADDY! I'VE GOTTA TAKE THIS
LET'S SHOOT FOR TOMORROW, DEAR
OKAY, I GET IT

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HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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5	6	4	7	9	1	8	2	3
7	9	3	2	8	6	5	4	1
8	2	1	3	4	5	9	7	6

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PGORN
PEGIR
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ITVNEI

This is so exciting!
C'mon, Stick, you can do it!
I've never seen anything like this.
THE ARM WRESTLING MATCH HELD EVERYONE'S ATTENTION BECAUSE IT WAS ---

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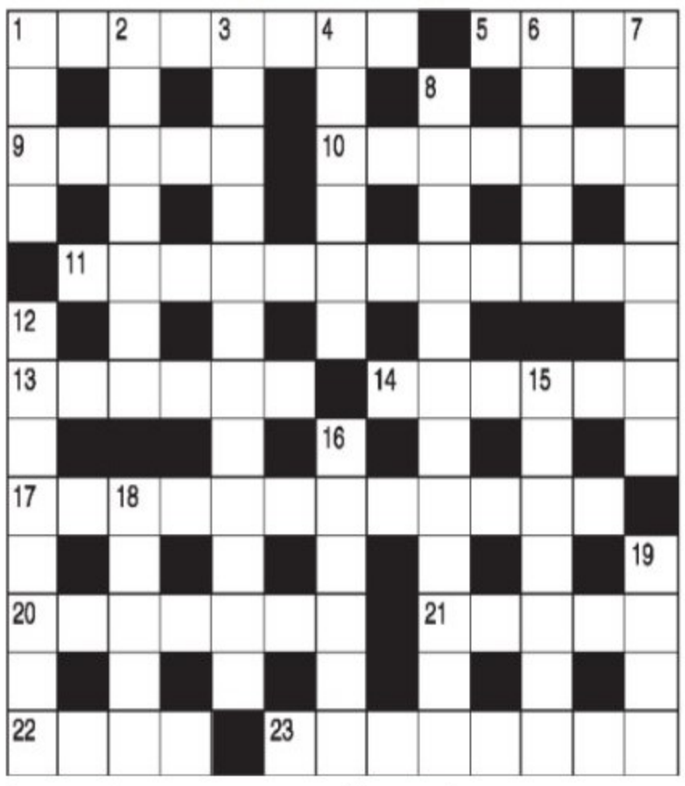
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ERROR GOURD WINNER FLOPPY
Answer: The young flatfish were just learning to swim and were — FLOUNDERING

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Her pilot circles round the landing platform (8)
5 Young fish wife who survived Henry VIII (4)
9 Music for a man to perform (5)
10 A single way of catching marine mammals (7)
11 Noting sports well represented in chief talents (6,6)
13 Mathematician gets Dulcie confused (6)
14 Many get permission to go through (6)
17 Direct speech? (8,4)
20 An account that has been overdrawn? (7)
21 Strange oriental lake (5)
22 Bother! Make a run for it (4)
23 Impression about a child according to the time of year (8)

DOWN

1 He's found in the romantic lead (4)
2 Involved in a cult that's crazy (7)
3 Schemes put forward for places (12)
4 Make someone take notice? (6)
6 Something wrong about a Burmese perhaps (5)
7 Record the range of one's voice (8)
8 Educated postman? (3,2,7)
12 This class is certain to be kept in idle fashion (8)
15 A new role in flight control (7)
16 It's said to produce a smile (6)
18 Uncle who helped found a city (5)
19 Inventor of the telephone - or part of it (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Headlines, 8 Opera, 9 Housman, 10 Indeed, 11 Cement, 12 Improved, 15 Stampede, 18 Plaice, 20 Wigeon, 21 Breaker, 22 Rhine, 23 Sandpaper.

Down: 2 Elope, 3 Disney, 4 Inactive, 5 Sooner, 6 Reserve, 7 Candidate, 11 Crossword, 13 Prepared, 14 Bargain, 16 Probes, 17 Malaya, 19 Crepe.

The Bangalore Development Authority has suspended four staffers, including a top official, over the illegal sale of five sites in Kadubeesanahalli with a market value of Rs 15 crore

Ragini catwalked from ramp to the screen with ease

Acted in 30 films after debuting in 2009 with the Sudeep-starrer Veera Madakari

THE SOUTH STAR

- Shankar IPS, Kalla Malla Sulla, Ragini IPS, Kanchana, Aaraksha and Shivam
- Was last seen in Adyaksha in America in 2019, opposite Sharan
- Featured with leading actors Shivarajkumar in Shiva, Upendra in Aarakshaka
- Mammootty was her co-star in Malayalam film Face2Face
- Special appearances in Victory and Prabhu Deva's R...Rajkumar
- Has spoken passionately about deterioration of the environment and need for positive initiatives

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MODEL, actor and beauty pageant contestant, Ragini Dwivedi is a true-blue Bengaluru girl who hit the ramp with the big names in the business. Discovered by fashion guru Prasad Bidapa, she was propelled into the glamour world through the Femina Miss India contest, where she was crowned runner-up in 2008.

Born into a Punjabi family with its roots in Rewari, Haryana, Ragini had an Army upbringing. Her father Rakesh Kumar Dwivedi was a Colonel, her mother a homemaker, and brother Rudraksh also joined the tinsel world as costume designer.

Ragini (30) has been associated with leading fashion designers like Manish Malhotra, Ritu Kumar, Tarun Tahiliani, Rohit Bal and Sabyasachi Mukherjee. From the ramp to Sandalwood was a natural and easy transition. Ragini has worked in 30 films. She debuted in 2009 with Sudeep-starrer Veera Madakari, and was again associated with the actor in Kempegowda, which gave her a career break.

The actor also made her mark in Malayalam with Kandahar, and Face2Face. She has worked in two Tamil films – Ariyaan and Nimirdhu Nil -- and a Telugu film, Janda Pai Kapiraju.

Ragini is also brand ambassador for Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation for the Swachh Bharat clean city campaign.

The glamorous actor, who is no stranger to controversy, has a fan club of her own.

Govt failed to help rural students, says Cong

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THE Opposition Congress on Friday accused the state government of failing to come up with a clear road map for reopening of schools and helping children, especially government schoolchildren in rural areas, who are finding it difficult to continue education.

At a press conference in Bengaluru, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Working President Saleem Ahmed and former Minister and MLA Priyank Kharge said, as per the Public Instruction Department only 62.5 percent of the 80 lakh students in the state have smartphones or laptops and only 53.75 percent have access to the internet. "These students are not unable to get online education but the state government is not making any efforts to help these students," they said.

Kharge said most of the students in rural areas do not have any facilities for online education and in Vijayapura, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Ballari, Dharwad and other districts, over 13,500 students have discontinued their education and majority of them are girls.

The Congress leaders said as per the Union Human Resources Department report, three out of four schools do not have computers and in 72.74 percent schools, computers are not in working condition. Highlighting the importance of mid-day meals provided to government schoolchildren, the Congress leaders said it had helped to get children to school and also reduce the burden on parents, but now that the schools are closed, many are working as child labourers.

They said due to the pandemic, over 40,000 teachers in private schools are facing the threat of losing their jobs. "Though students are paying full fees, many private schools have decided to cut teachers' salaries by 35 percent to 50 percent. Nearly two lakh teachers who are not getting their salaries have sought a special package from the government," they added. They urged the government to take measures to help students and teachers.

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COPS SEARCH RAGINI'S HOUSE FOR 4 HOURS

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A SENIOR police officer, who is part of the investigations, said that as phone calls to her were not going through, the CCB obtained a search warrant from a court and raided her Yelahanka residence at 6.30 am on Friday. A search was carried out till 10.30 am. Her mobile phones, laptops and other relevant documents were checked and seized. After the search, Ragini was whisked away in a CCB vehicle for questioning.

"We have found links between international drug peddlers and actor Ragini and hence, a suo motu case has been filed at Cottonpet police station. She was arrested soon after an FIR was filed. We are analysing her phones, laptops and other gadgets seized from her house," the officer added.

Meanwhile, realtor Rahul Shetty too was arrested on Friday based on Ravishankar's interrogation. Shetty is said to be a close friend of another actress as well as of Ravishankar. He had attended several high-profile parties along with Ravishankar and was obtaining drugs from foreign sources, police said.

The officer said the prime accused and 'kingpin' of the drug racket, Viren Khanna, was arrested from Delhi by CCB inspectors Sridhar and Lakshmikanth. "Khanna is the main person who organises the big parties where drugs are consumed. He was in Delhi and two police inspectors went there and arrested him," Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said, adding that Khanna has been taken into police custody for four days.

Khanna is said to have organised high-profile parties in Goa, Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru, and said to have been in contact with sons of politicians, Bollywood actors and models who allegedly consumed the drugs he procured from Punjab and other places.

Police Commissioner Pant said that as part of the investigations, other people from the film industry too have been summoned for questioning, but did not give out any names.

Ravishankar spilled beans on rave party locations in B'luru

> **This will send out a strong message to the film industry that everything is not rosy, and also to the youth that consequences can be harsh... Culprits involved in this industry who have become 'brand ambassadors' of drugs should be punished**
> Indrajit Lankesh, director

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"RAVISHANKAR has confessed that he was actively involved in the drug trade and gave the police some details about the parties and the places where they are held in the city. He also told the police that he is in a close relationship with the actress and they had a common party circle where drugs were also offered," said Pant. "They have a known supply channel for the contraband drugs," he added.

The Commissioner said that Ravishankar and Rahul Shetty were regular faces at some of the drug parties in the city. Rahul is an architect and has some business interests in Sri Lanka. "The investigation will take time, but we will take it to a logical end. We will free the city of the drug menace. The police are on the brink of cracking some other big cases related to drugs," he added.

Last week, the CCB had arrested three drug peddlers under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and seized 204 kg of marijuana (ganja) worth Rs 1 crore from them. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had also arrested three peddlers, including a woman from the city, and seized a huge cache of MDMA and LSD blots. Their interrogation had revealed the names of "some prominent musicians and actors" in Bengaluru.

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Loan A/c No-28050510000083
Demand Notice Date: 24-02-2020 **Possession Notice Date: 03-09-2020**
Description of Immovable Property:- Equitable Mortgage Of Property Comprising: Residential land and building SALE/ TITLE DEED No.: 3125/2002-03, dt:- 17.01.2003
All that piece & parcel of RCC Built Residential House with vacant site property bearing MUN.K.No.128/3638/C, Old No.442/3637 'A' measuring East to West 60' Feet, North to South :- 40' Feet, situated at Ghousia Nagar Mohall, Ramanagara Town, Bounded By:-East by :- Property of Khalandar khan & Abdul Wajid, West by:- Muncipal Road, North by: Property of Fhamidunnisa, South :- Property of Syed Azeem
In the name of Mr. Syed Ateeq Madni S/o Late Syed Arif Madni.

2. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1. Mr. Abdul Peer Sab (Main Applicant), S/o Late Abdul Hameed Sab, **2. Mrs.Yasmin Taj (Co-Applicant),** W/o Abdul Peer Sab.
Amount Outstanding : Rs.22,81,060/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand & Sixty Only) as on **31.01.2020** (inclusive of interest charged upto **31.10.2019**) & further interest w.e.f **01.11.2019** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. there on.
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Demand Notice Date: 24-02-2020 **Possession Notice Date: 03-09-2020**
Description of Immovable Property:- Equitable Mortgage Of Property Comprising: Residential land and building SALE/TITLE/ Gift DEED No.:- 7143/13-14, dt:- 19.11.2013
All that piece & parcel of immovable property bearing Muncipal Old Khata No.13, New 293/273/477/13, present 273/A/477/13/A. measuring East to West 40' Feet, North to South 34' Feet (totally 1360 Sqft), situated at Kottipura Road, Ward No-12, Kothipura 1st Stage, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara -562159, Bounded By:- East by :- Road, West by:- Property belongs to Babjon Shariff :- North by :- Property belongs to Pyaru Sab No.12, South :- Property belongs to Mohammed Afroze
In the name of Mr. Abdul Peer Sab, S/o late Abdul Hameed Sab.

3. Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantor: 1.Mr.K Jayaramu (Main Applicant), S/o Late. Kempaiah **2.Mrs.M Pushpalatha (Co-Applicant),** W/o K Jayaramu **3. Mr. Ranjith Kumar J (Guarantor),** S/o K Jayaramu
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Loan A/c No-28050610003275 & 28050610007372
Demand Notice Date: 24-02-2020 **Possession Notice Date: 03-09-2020**
Description of Immovable Property:- Equitable Mortgage Of Property Comprising: Residential land and building SALE/ TITLE DEED No:- 2209/2011-12, dt:- 15-09-2011
All that piece & parcel of Residential built House with site property bearing L.I.G house no.34, measuring East to West: 5 meters, North to South: 9 meters, situated at K.H.B. Colony Mahadeshwaranagara, Ward No.31, Channapatna Town, District:- Ramangara, Bounded By:-East by :- House property bearing LIG No.33, West by :- House property bearing LIG No.35, North by :- Road, South by:- Conservancy Lane.
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TRACKING COVID-19

Malur Congress MLA K Y Nanje Gowda and his family tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday. The MLA has urged his supporters not to visit him for a few days, and said his condition is stable

6,161 NEW RECOVERIES

2,74,487 TOTAL RECOVERED

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TALLY ON FRIDAY

4,73,307 In Home Quarantine

73,192 Total samples tested

785 Persons in ICU

116 Total deaths

9,280 FRESH CASES

CONFIRMED CASES — TOTAL 3,79,486

7,078	VIJAYAPURA	BIDAR	4,757
6,737	BAGALKOT	KALABURAGI	12,547
12,492	DHARWAD	YADGIR	5,848
13,748	BELAGAVI	RAICHUR	7,971
5,539	UTTARA KANNADA	GADAG	6,108
4,889	HAVERI	KOPPAL	7,310
10,582	DAVANGERE	BALLARI	23,038
9,484	SHIVAMOGGA	CHITRADURGA	3,418
12,343	UDUPI	TUMAKURU	6,912
14,223	DAKSHINA KANNADA	CHIKKABALLAPUR	4,683
16,36	KODAGU	KOLAR	3,798
4,728	CHIKKAMAGALURU		
9,395	HASSAN		

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60% OF PLASMA RECIPIENTS RECOVERED IN CLINICAL TRIALS

354 critically ill patients given therapy; 193 donors so far, says Doctor heading trials

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THE plasma therapy, meant for severely and critically ill Covid-19 patients, has seen a 60 per cent success rate among 354 patients treated under plasma trials being conducted by Dr U S Vishal Rao at HCG Hospital in partnership with Victoria Hospital under the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute.

"A detailed analysis will be done and sent to the government. However, as per our current analysis, 60 percent of the patients have recovered, which is a big thing. Nearly 90 per cent of these patients were on ventilator at the time of plasma therapy. We have had 193 plasma donors so far," said Dr Rao, head and neck surgical oncologist and robotic surgeon, who is also a member of the Covid consultative group in the state. The remaining 40 per cent of patients passed away.

The therapy involves taking the plasma, a component of the blood, from a Covid-recovered patient and administering it to a critical corona-positive patient. The antibodies present in the plasma help fight the virus.

"We have seen the results of plasma working anywhere between 24 hours and a week. One of the patients was about to be put on ventilator as Remdesivir was not working. The hospital approached us and we gave them the plasma. The next day, he did not need the ventilator. By the third day, he was off oxygen and by the fifth day he had turned Covid-negative and was ready to be discharged as the anti-bodies had killed the virus," Dr Rao explained.

A health worker on duty at a swab collection booth in Kalasipalya in Bengaluru, on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

> 300 patients are being given plasma at the moment. A similar trend of recovery is being observed. In all, 60-70 patients have been moved out of the ICU and 40-45 have been discharged
>
> Dr U S Vishal Rao, HCG Hospital

The trial is aimed at avoiding Covid deaths in the ICU and preventing people from requiring ICU care at all. The plasma bank set up at HCG gets nearly 20 calls per day asking for plasma, but it is hard to meet the requirement. Dr Rao has recommended to the government to set up a plasma bank in every district, as it does not require a big investment and is easy to set up.

"Results will be evaluated in September or October and after that, Phase-3 of the trials will begin. Apart from clinical trials, 300 patients are being given plasma at the moment. A similar trend of recovery is being observed. In all, 60-70 patients have been moved out of the ICU and 40-45 have been discharged," said Dr Shalini Thakur, consultant, head and neck surgeon and coordinator for donor approval and plasma operations at HCG.

She said that plasma has been sent to Tamil Nadu, Srinagar, Andhra Pradesh and other districts in Karnataka.

KIMS doubles as plasma bank in N-K

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH @Hubballi

WITH increasing demand to set up a plasma bank in North Karnataka, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Hubballi has been acting as a substitute for the last month.

Critical Covid patients from neighbouring districts like Gadag, Haveri, Uttara Kannada, Bagalkot, Ballari, Koppal, Belagavi are being shifted to the hospital for treatment.

Till now, more than 50 convalescent plasma therapy procedures have been conducted at KIMS and other private hospitals in Hubballi city alone. However, due to a lack of donors, most hospitals have been struggling to get plasma units.

A senior doctor from KIMS said they recently got an Apheresis machine and license from the DGCI. "We can store 200 units of plasma for a year. KIMS can distribute plasma to other hospitals," he added.

However, plasma collected at KIMS is not sufficient to treat in-house patients. "There is need to create awareness among recovered patients to donate plasma," he said.

Dharwad DC Nitesh Patil said plasma extraction costs around Rs 10,000 and hospitals are doing it for free. "To encourage donors, we are giving Rs 5,000," he said.

AUGUST 1-31 ZONE-WISE FATALITY RATE

Bommanahalli	1.23
Dasarahalli	0.87
East	2.09
Mahadevpura	1.34
RR Nagar	1.31
South	2.18
West	1.87
Yelahanka	1.29
Rest of BU	1.84
Others	1.93

TOTAL 1.60

All numbers in %

South Zone had highest mortality rate in August

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THE South zone, among eight zones in the city, had the highest Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for Covid patients at 2.18 in August. Zonal officers said it was because of late reporting, people refraining from getting themselves tested and elderly people with comorbidities.

In the first week of August, the zone had a CFR of 2.14, in the second week 2.28, third 2.69 and fourth 1.59.

The South, along with East and West zones, has been recording a high number of cases since the start of the pandemic. The maximum number of cases are from BTM Layout, Basavanagudi, Jayanagar, Suddaguntepalya, Visveswarapuram, Yediyur, Pattabhiramnagar and Hombegowdanagar. Though it managed to reduce the positivity rate from 23 per cent at the beginning of August to 18 per cent by the end of the month, the mortality rate remained high.

Dr Shivkumar, Health Officer, BBMP South Zone, said it is because people are hesitant to get themselves tested. "They delay testing despite having symptoms. We have put up camps at many places, yet many are not coming forward for testing. More the delay, more aggravated their condition would be, leading to their death. Many patients have been brought dead and then tested positive."

He said, "We have been getting a high number of cases in BTM layout as it has migrant population and Basavanagudi."

Munish Moudgil, South Zone In-charge, said, "The mortality rate is about 2% in August and we are trying to reduce it. Many patients who died had comorbidities, like diabetes, renal issues and advanced age. In the last week of August, it reduced to 1.59%. However, our goal is to bring it to less than 1%."

Dr C Nagaraj, Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Disease, which is located in the area, said, "Majority of the cases we get are from adjoining areas. Many have been SARI patients who come on the ninth day and by then, pneumonia would have aggravated. Since they are in final stages, ventilator support too cannot save them. So far, we have had over 1,000 Covid cases and 90-plus deaths. People are scared to report early because of social stigma."

Tests begin for herbal drug on Covid +ve patients

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LAST week, HCG Hospital and the Bangalore Institute of Gastroenterology received approval by the Indian Council of Medical Research to began clinical trials "to study the efficacy of Aceinavir drug in Covid-positive patients".

This drug is a combination of 18 molecules or herbs that have already been approved by the Ayush ministry for other purposes, and their efficacy against the coronavirus has been published in the medical journal, Lancet. This is essentially repurposing of an existing drug and is also referred to as off-label use.

Trials of the drug on four Covid-positive patients are currently on in Karnataka.

"Out of 40,000 drugs from a database, Dr Shashank Acharya and our team identified 37 molecules that are essential as they are able to block the ACE-2 receptors (gate through which the coronavirus enters the body) and spike protein (key to unlock the door to the human body). Of 37 molecules, 18 had approval from the Ayush ministry and we did not have to undertake more studies, which will take years," said Dr U S Vishal Rao, Associate Dean, and member of the Covid Expert Committee in Karnataka.

To zero in on these 18, computational biology and bioinformatics were used to simulate the drug in a computerised human body. "This is a very important and emerging division in science. For example, if you take a molecule of paracetamol, it will tell you what exactly happens in the body," said Dr Rao, who also heads plasma therapy trials in Karnataka. "When we looked at these 18 herbs or metabolites, we were able to know that they are giving us almost 100 per cent results, which is unusual."

In the drug Aceinavir, "ace" refers to ACE receptors, "in" refers to inhibitor and "avir" refers to antiviral.

Check stock of masks, sanitiser: HC

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OBSERVING that both the state and Centre are not helpless when it comes to regulating the price of N-95 masks and their availability in the market, the Karnataka High Court on Friday asked them both to look into the price and availability of the masks, along with that of sanitisers.

Hearing a batch of PILs related to Covid-19, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar stated that the court will have to take judicial note of the fact that an N-95 mask is the best weapon against the pandemic. It also expressed a similar view about sanitisers, and accordingly directed both governments.

"While dropping N-95 masks and sanitisers from the essential commodities list based on their availability, in response to reports submitted by the states, the Union of India has taken a stand that the price of the masks will be decided by market dynamics," the Centre had said.

Referring to this, the bench stated that the victim will be the public at large if the issue of deciding mask prices is left to market dynamics, considering the number of Covid cases multiplying in the country every day, especially in Karnataka.

The bench also said that the state government has not disclosed the price paid for masks but has only mentioned that the Union of India has supplied them.

MASK CRUSADERS

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike marshals ensure customers and vendors at Bengaluru's KR Market wear masks while going about business, on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

K'taka almost at 1L active cases

CORONA METER

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then, and until September 4, 2020, a total of 3,79,486 cases have been reported.

POSITIVITY RATE	11.86%
RECOVERY RATE	72.25%
MORTALITY RATE	1.62%

ACTIVE CASES 99,101

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KARNATAKA inched closer to one lakh active cases, recording 99,101 on Friday. As on Thursday midnight, Karnataka had 9,280 positive cases, bringing the cumulative tally to 3,79,486.

Covid-19 claimed 116 lives on Friday, taking the toll to 6,170. A total of 6,161 people were discharged, taking the total number of recoveries to 2,74,196.

Bengaluru Urban recorded 2,963 cases and 25 deaths.

After Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru district saw the highest number of Covid cases at 776, followed by Ballari with 448, Dakshina Kannada with 428, and Tumakuru with 427 cases.

Mysuru continues to be in the top position for the highest positivity rate in the past 15 days at 23.5 per cent, followed by Gadag (21 per cent), Ballari (20.9 per cent), Chikkamagaluru (20.6 per cent).

Gadag district has the highest symptomatic positivity rate in the last seven days with 52 per cent, followed by Udupi with 49 per cent, Dakshina Kannada with 44.67 per cent. However, the percentage of asymptomatic patients in Mysuru is the highest at 20.1 per cent, followed by Chikkamagaluru at 19.8 per cent and Yadgir at 18.2 per cent.

Puttur sees most deaths in DK dist

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

PUTTUR taluk with 358 Covid cases and 23 deaths has the highest Covid-19 mortality rate of 6.42 per cent, as compared to other taluks in Dakshina Kannada district.

So far, the district has recorded 13,479 cases and 381 deaths. Though Mangaluru has registered 8,988 cases and recorded the highest number of 218 deaths, the overall mortality rate stands at 2.82%. Bantwal with 1,772 cases and 46 deaths had the mortality rate of 2.59 per cent. Belthangady with 856 cases and 11 deaths had the 1.28 per cent fatality rate. Sullia has registered 684 cases and four deaths with a mortality rate of 0.58%. Of those who have travelled from other districts, 821 tested positive, while 79 died, taking the fatality rate to 9.62 per cent.

According to the district health department, of 381 deaths, as many as 364 (95.53 per cent) patients had comorbidities, while deaths related to Covid-19 add up to only 4 per cent.

A whopping 73 per cent of the deceased were male, while the rest female. Of the dead, 49% were in the age group of 60-80, 35% were in 41-60 years bracket, 8% were between 21 and 40 years old, 7 per cent above 80 years of age and 1 per cent of below 20 years.

The health department report stated that only 16 were Covid deaths (4%), while 276 were Covid-associated deaths (72%). As many as 84 cases were Covid coincidental deaths (22%), three were brought dead and two were non-Covid deaths.

The health department has taken various measures to reduce deaths, like extensive contact tracing and active search for cases in containment zones and setting up the infrastructure.

72 staffers at Mys factory test positive

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EVEN after the bitter experience of Jubilant Pharmaceuticals and JK Tyres turning into Covid-19 clusters, factories and industries in the city seem not to have learnt their lesson.

Over 72 employees of Page Industries Ltd here have tested positive. Page, which manufactures Jockey undergarments, is under the scanner for allegedly forcing the primary and secondary contacts of infected persons to work and not allowing them to go into quarantine.

After several complaints from the employees, Gopi, chairman of the health standing committee at Mysuru City Corporation, and health officials visited the factory.

"Employees complained that the management has not made any arrangements for testing and also, no option given to quarantine themselves. We directed the officials to serve a notice to the factory," Gopi said.

The factory has over 1,200 employees. But officials at the District Industries Centre said they were not aware of the outbreak at the factory.

MCC Health Officer Dr Nagaraj said the factory has now made arrangements to get their employees tested and is allowing only those who have tested negative to enter the premises.

Health workers wait to collect swab samples in Mysuru | UDAYSHANKAR S

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COURT DIRECTIVE

Depute officer to ascertain if statues can affect traffic: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the state government to depute a senior traffic police officer to ascertain whether the presence of statues in the area in front of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited at Yeshwantpur will lead to traffic congestion.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice ES Indiresh passed the order after hearing a petition filed by city-based advocate AV Amarnathan against the erecting statues by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

The petitioner contended that two statutes are likely to be installed in a park and two others on the road at the junction. This will create enormous traffic congestion, he said.

However, the bench declined to accept the contention that two statues are likely to be erected in the park, in the absence of a notification to show that it was approved under Section 4 of the Karnataka Parks, Play-Fields and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act.

Confining only to the second contention, the bench directed the state government to ensure that the senior-most traffic officer visits the spot to ascertain whether the presence of statues will lead to traffic congestion and to submit the report on or before September 22.

Wheels of cycling district plan finally set in motion

Active mobility committee will look into walkability and riding

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

WITH Bengaluru all set to get its very own cycling district with colour-coded lanes and tracks, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) board is now in the process of forming an active mobility committee which will look into walkability and cycling in the city. "It's a technical committee on active mobility," said DULT Commissioner V Manjula.

The board is still in the process of inviting private parties, government officials and experts to be a part of the committee.

DULT is also planning to create cycling districts across the city in a phased manner. The cycling district will span across 25 yards along the Outer Ring Road and will cover paths near Old Airport Road, KR Puram, Indiranagar and Koramangala.

Also, there will be five colour-coded lanes, i.e., orange, purple, red, green and blue. The purple line will be used for cycling to work, to schools the red line, for recreation the green route, and orange for transit lanes. Blue will be dedicated for shopping trails.

Asked about the necessity of pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in the city and its scope, Dr Ashish Verma, mobility expert who will be part of the committee, told TNIE, "It's a complex relationship between the necessity of infrastructure and space. Today, we see many vehicles and road space. But tomorrow if we have fewer vehicles, the same space can be utilized by other mobility users. It's a supply-demand equilibrium. The more infrastructure you supply, then more demand for that. That's why road widening and flyovers do not work as they bring more personal vehicles. We need to shift it in favour of a more sustainable system."

FIVE COLOUR-CODED LANES

- Purple: Cycling to work
- Red line: For schools
- Green route: For recreation
- Orange: For transit lanes
- Blue: Shopping trails

However, he acknowledges that there are issues with the bus lanes. The 22-km bus lane on Outer Ring Road (ORR) was the first initiative to promote mass public transport in the city. "Flexible bollards for the bus lane are required when a bus breaks down or an ambulance requires the lane," Ashish said.

This year until August 1, 4,834 cases were registered for vehicles riding on footpath. In the same time frame, 93 pedestrians and two cyclists were killed.

Butterflies, including the Blue Tiger, are flitting around trees in Lalbagh, attracting droves of photographers

BUTTERFLIES

BACK, SHUTTERBUGS SWARM IN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LAKHS of butterflies are flitting about flowers and trees and Lalbagh Botanical Gardens, delighting visitors as well as photographers and environmentalists.

Shutterbugs say this is the first time they have seen such a large number of butterfly species congregate at the park. One species which has turned up in a large number is the Blue Tiger butterfly, thousands of which are zooming around trees near the information centre. To ensure they are not disturbed, the Horticulture Department has even assigned special staff to keep watch.

G Kusuma, Deputy Director, Lalbagh, said butterflies are present all year round in the park. However, this year, they are greater in number. The Blue Tigers are clustered in one part of Lalbagh, especially around the Cassia Caesalpinia tree.

EXPRESS READ

E-AUCTION OF BDA'S CORNER SITES BEGINS ON SEPT 9

Bengaluru: After a break enforced due to many staffers testing positive for Covid-19 at the BDA, the urban planning body has planned to continue the third phase of the e-auction of corner sites from September 9. A total of 402 sites across Arkavathi Layout, HSR Layout, Sir M Visweshwaraiah Layout, J P Nagar, Banashankari and Jnanabharathi are up for grabs. The auction will start on September 9 at 11 am, and bidding will end on October 3. It is being conducted in six stages, with 70 sites being auctioned in each stage. **ENS**

BDA suspends 4 staffers over illegal sale of sites valued at ₹15 crore

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority suspended four staffers, including a top official, over the illegal sale of five sites in Kadubeesanahalli with a market value of Rs 15 crore after their involvement was established through an inquiry by the BDA Task Force.

Deputy Secretary (IV) B Rajiv, Superintendent R Shrikumar, First Division Assistant D Manjula Bai, and Accounts Assistant Jayaraman were suspended on Thursday.

BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev confirmed the development to The New Indian Express. "All these activities were carried out in the last five months. These 60x40 sq ft sites were allotted to certain individuals nearly two decades ago but they failed to claim them."

He said the four individuals fabricated documents. "Even the bank challans and sale deeds are bogus. We have taken back all our sites now. They totally cost Rs 4.75 crore as per BDA rates but are worth Rs 15 crore in the market. Show Cause notices were issued after the inquiry report. They have all been suspended," he said.

> **A total of 24 families were relocated for the sake of Peripheral Ring Road and alternate sites were allotted to them**
> Shivakumar Gunare, Superintendent of Police, BDA Task Force

Shivakumar Gunare, Superintendent of Police, BDA Task Force, who submitted the report told TNIE that they would file a police case against the four suspended officials them soon. "A total of 24 families were relocated for the sake of Peripheral Ring Road and alternate sites were allotted to them. Since the DS (IV) was also in charge of the Records section for some time, he was aware of them and could help in taking records easily. They took out five names from them and created documents to support their claim. They managed to get the sites registered in those names too without their knowledge," he said.

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1	Providing CCTV Camera for Traffic Modeling including Name Plate Recognition (Phase I) in Vellore City Municipal Corporation	490.00	09.09.2020	16.10.2020
2	Design, Built, Operate & Transfer of Sound and Light show with Operation and Maintenance for 3-Years at Vellore Fort in Vellore Corporation	936.00	09.09.2020	23.09.2020
3	Design, Built, Operate & Transfer of Vellore Fort Façade Lighting Illumination in Vellore Corporation	597.00	09.09.2020	23.09.2020
4	Tender document availability and other details	Other Details can be obtained from the Corrigendum for change in tender date, published in website **https://tntenders.gov.in** or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on working days.		

For contact : 0416 - 2220578 DIPR/3324/TENDER/2020 Commissioner, Vellore Corporation

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

e-4: Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) invites application from qualified and experienced candidates for the post of Director (Commercial) for Grid Corporation Limited (GRIDCO) in its corporate office located at Bhubaneswar in the Scale of Pay of **Rs.1,35,100-2,16,800/- (Level EE-7) of GRIDCO.**

Detailed requirement for the position along with the application format is available in the Public Enterprises Department, Government of Odisha website: **http://pe.odisha.gov.in.**

Complete application in the prescribed format with enclosures and a passport size photograph should be sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt., Department of Public Enterprises, Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751001 by **Speed post/Registered Post/e-mail (e-mail id: dpesec.or@nic.in)** only to reach within 30 days from the date of publication of Advertisement.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Selection of a Lessee for Upgradation, Operations & Maintenance of Plant - Mysore Paper Mills Limited, Bhadravathi

About the Project: Mysore Paper Mills Limited (MPM), a Government of Karnataka undertaking, engaged in the business of production and sale of different varieties of paper has a plant at Bhadravathi in Shivamogga District. The plant also has a sugar mill and captive power plant. MPM now intends to revive the plant by leasing out the operation and management of the plant. This is proposed to be developed with a private sector participation basis on a Lease, Upgrade, Operate, Maintain and Transfer Framework **(the "Project").** The scope of work will broadly include upgradation, financing, operating and maintaining the Project.

About the Bidding : MPM has invited Bids through e-procurement platform from interested eligible Applicants. MPM has adopted a single-stage process for selection of the bidder. The bidding documents and the Project Information Memorandum may be downloaded from the E-Procurement Website of the Government of Karnataka (GoK) viz., **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** w.e.f **02.09.2020.** The last date for submission of application is **12.10.2020.**

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Four men were arrested on Friday for allegedly hurling country bombs at the houses of DMK and DMDK functionaries in Perumbakkam on Thursday night.

7 WOMEN CHARRED TO DEATH IN CUDDALORE CRACKER UNIT FIRE

Two in critical condition; fire may have broken out due to puja held on premises: Collector

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@Cuddalore

SEVEN women were charred to death in a major fire mishap at a firecracker unit at Kurungudi village near Kattumannarkoil in Cuddalore on Friday morning. Five of them died on spot and two others on way to the hospital; two more women have been admitted to hospital in critical condition.

Vilvam Fireworks, a firecracker manufacturing unit, was open for business on Friday, say sources. Nine women, including the unit owner C Gandhimathi (58) were present at the site when the accident happened. Officials have not been able to find out the exact cause for the accident. There is suspicion the blast was triggered while the women were powdering the explosives to make crackers.

District Collector Chandra Sekhar Shakamuri said there is also suspicion that the accident was triggered by a pooja held at the unit, at around 10.30 am. Superintendent of Police M Sree Abhinav and the Collector visited the spot later in the day. The deceased have been identified as P Malarkodi (65), N Latha (44), U Chithra (45), M Rasathi (48), R Rukumani (38), and R Rathinambal (60).

M Thenmozhi (35) and N Anitha (24) are battling for life at JIPMER hospital in Puducherry. One of them has suffered 70 per cent burns, and the other 100 per cent, the collector said. Expressing anguish over the incident, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami annouced a solatium of ₹2 lakh for each of the bereaved families. In a statement, Palaniswami said he had deputed Industries Minsiter MC Sampath to visit the spot and expedite the relief works.

The Collector, meanwhile, assured a detailed investigation to find out the cause of the blast. "Not just that, every firecracker unit in the district will be inspected to enforce safety and precautionary measures," he said. "When the Chidambaram sub-collector visited the spot on September 2, there were no cracker units functioning there," the Collector added.

Sources allege that Vilvam fireworks unit has been dragged into controversies earlier as well, for operating units without renewing its license. Villagers also claimed that in a similar incident in the district, five years ago, four lives were lost. There were as many as six cracker units functioning in the village.

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> Chandra Sekhar Shakamuri, District Collector

The blaze on the oil tanker near the coast of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka oil spill poses no threat to Indian coast: Experts

C SHIVAKUMAR & SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

THE Indian Ocean is on alert as tonnes of crude oil is spilling out of the Panamanian flagship oil tanker MT New Diamond, which caught fire off the Sri Lankan coast Thursday morning. While experts say there is no immediate danger posed to Indian or Lankan coastlines, the Indian Coast Guard and the island nation's navy are busy battling the blaze.

The fire, which broke out in the tanker's engine room on Thursday following an explosion, is yet to be doused as a two-metre crack has been observed from the weather deck. This is approximately 10 metres above the waterline on the port quarter deck. To avoid untoward incidents, officials decided on Friday evening to tow the tanker far away into mid-sea where the blaze would be doused.

"We are ensuring that the Indian and Sri Lankan coasts don't get affected, in case of an oil spill," said an official. "ALP Winger, an anchor handling vessel, has been connected to tow the tanker at 7 pm on Friday, and it has commenced towing to prevent drifting of the vessel to shallow waters."

The oil spill sparked concern in South India, with Kerala government expressing fears of the oil or its residue reaching the State's coastline. It sought the opinion of INCOIS on the matter. INCOIS carried out a simulation using its oil spill model, based on information obtained from the Duty Meteorologist at the National Meteorological Center in Colombo.

SAVING WILDLIFE

Foresters nab all five tiger poachers

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IN the past nine days, the Karnataka forest department, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve division, has nabbed all five poachers who shot down a five-year-old male tiger and mutilated it for its claws and canines.

Late Thursday night, the sleuths nabbed two poachers. The five men, M M Santosh, Kander Shashi, Sharanu alias K P Uttappa, Vattangar Ranju and Kudenkodi K S Raj, are all residents of Netur village, Balele.

"Now that all are nabbed, their motive and remaining claws and canines have to be found," said Mahesh Kumar, director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. The sleuths had recovered 13 claws and two canines, along with 1.5 kg of deer meat, two bikes, double barrel guns and poaching tools from the accused.

"Claws and canines were recovered from the four accused, while deer meet, gunpowder and ammunition was seized from the house of first accused, Santosh. We suspect he has hidden the remaining claws and two half canines, as it is not possible to have sold them in such a short time, especially when they were on the run," said an official who is part of the investigating team.

The forest department is also sending samples of the tiger for DNA and toxicology testing to match the claws and canines with the tiger, and keep it handy in future when such items are recovered. The teams also want to ascertain the exact cause of death, as the accused claim that when they shot the tiger, it was dead and had started to stink.

Forest officials state that this is the first time in the recent past that they have caught all the poachers, as such an exercise would usually take around a year, and the body parts would have changed hands many times.

Prasanna starts freedom struggle, Charaka staff on Satyagraha

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

THE slowdown in the Indian economy in 2019 did not affect Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Cooperative Society, but it appears that the pandemic was the straw that broke the camel's back. On Friday, its founder, theatreperson Prasanna, launched what he called the Second Freedom Movement in front of Heggodu gram panchayat, urging not just his fellow workers at Charaka, but also all workers who have been victimised by the government's failure to address the economic challenges thrown up by the pandemic, to protest against a failed system.

As part of the Satyagraha, employees of Charaka and others cleaned the premises of the panchayat in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga district and staged a silent protest. MLA Haratalu Halappa and former minister Kagodu Thimmappa came to the spot and assured them of their support.

Since its inception, Charaka has grown to employ 800 people in seven districts. Unsold inventory and delayed government payments forced Charaka to declare insolvency on August 28. However, despite this, it has offered petty jobs to about 250 employees such as cleaning lakes, building mud walls, doing Hase Chittara paintings so that they are able to make ends meet, Prasanna said.

"Charaka represents other village industries. It was a successful village industry but is now in distress. The worsening financial condition of Charaka is an example of how other village industries are in difficulty due to the present crisis. Meanwhile, the failed Panchayat Raj system and official apathy has worsened the condition of these industries," Prasanna told TNIE.

All village industries are incurring losses, and the time has come for them to take this protest to the next level. People depending on other professions in villages will stage similar Satyagrahas in front of their gram panchayats in silence, to draw the attention of officials, he said.

Prasanna said that for over a decade, Charaka had a public-private partnership with the State government for various projects worth Rs 2.4 crore, of which the state has to bear Rs 1.4 crore.

"Officials have shown no interest in releasing money. Charaka has been supporting weavers and dye manufacturers from its own funds for almost two years. But that is exhausted. We have unsold stock of Rs 3 crore. If the government releases Rs 50 lakh towards marketing incentives, it will help the society," he said.

Charaka founder and activist Prasanna along with the society members desilt the Virupaksha tank in Heggodu gram panchayat limits | EXPRESS

B'luru rly div dismisses kingpin of job scam

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Railway Division has dismissed a technician and has issued show cause notices to three others staffers for their involvement in a recruitment scam which came to light last month.

The four of them along with a retired driver from the Indian Space Research Organisation had amassed crores by duping over 35 families over eight years by promising them Class C or D jobs in Bengaluru in the Railways. Victims had paid sums ranging between Rs 4.9 lakh to Rs 39 lakh as bribes to get jobs. Three of the families registered FIRs with the Government Railway Police last month.

The kingpin of the racket R Babu, a technician in the Carriage & Works department for over 23 years, was dismissed on September 1 with immediate effect. He has also been asked to vacate the Railway Quarters.

Babu, who held a prominent position in the South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (SWRMU), was nabbed last week from his hideout in Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

The other three involved in the racket – Rajendra Prasad a senior technician, Thangaraj, a technician and Chaman Singh, a trainee – have been issued show cause notices.

Chief Public Relations Officer and Deputy General Manager, SWR, E Vijaya said, "The Zonal Railways does not do any recruitment from the open market directly. All recruitments are done online only by Railway Recruitment Board," she said.

DJ HALLI VIOLENCE

Riots were planned, says panel report

Vehicles that were set on fire lay on the road under DJ Halli police station limits | EXPRESS

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THE August 11 DJ Halli violence was planned and executed by the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and Popular Front of India (PFI), a report by an independent fact-finding citizens' committee has said. The forum submitted its report to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday.

The report was put together by 'Citizens for Democracy', led by Justice Srikanth Babaladi, retired district judge, retired IAS officer Madan Gopal, Dr Prakash, IRS (retd), former DGP M N Krishnamurthy, journalists R K Mattoo and Santhosh Thammaiah -- who was arrested in 2018 for hate speech -- professors Dr M Jayappa and Dr H T Aravinda, social workers Muniraju and Jerome Anto, and advocate Kshama Nargund.

In the 49-page report, the citizens' forum likened the DJ Halli violence to riots in New Delhi earlier this year, and Sweden. "The mob specifically targeted certain prominent Hindus in the area. Despite attempts being made to project the same as political rivalry, it was undoubtedly communally motivated. The Committee is of the opinion that based on the kind of houses that have been attacked and people who were targeted, the motive of the riots could also be fear-mongering, so as to change the demography and turn the area into a Muslim majority one," said the report.

The committee recommended that the State should not view the incident in isolation, and funding received by individuals and religious extremist organisations involved in anti-social activities must be tracked and monitored by involving the NIA.

The report also suggests that areas with the potential to face such "communal tensions" should be identified in advance to strategise plans to curb it. It also recommends evolving a mechanism to prevent and prosecute derogatory, abusive and hate content targeting any religion, race, class, organisation or sect of people.

EXPRESS READ

Two minors held for hurling petrol bombs

Tiruchy: Police arrested at least two minor boys for hurling petrol bombs at Selvapuram in Thiruverumbur on Friday. The two suspects, both aged 17, and residents of Thiruverumbur were arrested by the police for breaking car glasses and hurling petrol bombs in front of the house of Karthik, a local resident. Reportedly, the suspects attacked the house of Karthik, as they were irked by his advice, according to police. **ENS**

HC raises doubts over Covid deaths

Hyderabad: Terming the report filed by the State Government on steps taken to prevent spread of Covid-19 as 'vague and unclear', a division bench of Telangana High Court on Friday raised doubts over the number of Covid-19 deaths being disclosed in media bulletins. Though there is an increase in the number of Covid-positive cases in the State, the number of deaths are shown to be between eight and ten each day. **ENS**

Tech queue system to cut wait time at KIA

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A tech-enabled queue management system was rolled out recently at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to reduce waiting time, enhance operational efficiency and for better management of passenger flow during peak hours.

It was implemented by Xovis, a Swiss high-tech company that develops 3D sensors and software. According to an official release by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), Xovis PTS, a flow management system, will display live waiting time on the screens at processing points.

The waiting time displayed on the airport screens at Kempegowda International Airport

The 200 Xovis 3D sensors will capture passenger flow coordinates at departure gates, check-in, immigration, and security hold areas of domestic and international flights, the release read.

Jayaraj Shanmugam, COO, BIAL, said, "Our aim is to make Bengaluru airport the most digitally advanced and efficient one in the world."

Andreas Fanndrich, CEO of Xovis, said, "We hope this is the first of many more collaborations to happen between BIAL, our team and IDDS."

With eye on bypolls, political activity picks up pace in Sira

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EVEN as the Election Commission is yet to declare dates for bypolls for the Sira assembly constituency, all political parties have commenced groundwork here.

While the BJP has no base, Sira still happens to be a part of the Chitradurga LS seat represented by the party's Anekal Narayanaswamy. BJP leaders have been trying to galvanise the rank and file at the booth level.

Evidently, state general secretary N Ravikumar camped in Sira and held meetings, promising packages towards completion of irrigation projects.

Meanwhile, the runner-up in the 2018 assembly polls, T B Jayachandra, is also camping here.

Meanwhile, Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna's visit for the 21st-day ceremony of Satyanarayana had created some ripples.

Interestingly, Congress 'rebel' leader K N Rajanna, who had played a 'role' in defeating former PM H D Deve Gowda in the 2019 LS polls, has also thrown his hat in the ring. "The AHINDA people will be holding a meeting," he had stated.

District JDS leaders calling him at his home has given rise to rumours as to whether he will support the party candidate, if it gives a ticket to his friend C P Mudalagiriyappa's son Dr Rajesh Gowda.

CRY ME A RIVER

A doctor's 17-yr crusade to save Malaprabha

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Bagalkot

A woman doctor-turned-environmentalist from Ramdurga is on a crusade spanning 17 years, to protect the Malaprabha river. **Dr Poornima Gouroji** has been working tirelessly to get encroachments over the river cleared and make it silt-free. She aims at developing the Malaprabha on the lines of Sabarmati.

In 2003, she had filed a PIL in the Karnataka High Court, seeking potable water for Ramdurga town and the rejuvenation of the Malaprabha, as she found hundreds of people falling sick after drinking contaminated water.

Accepting the case in the High Court, Justice Nagendra Kumar Jain had directed the State Government to rejuvenate the river and provide clean drinking water to the town. The government also gave an undertaking that it would clean up the river.

Thanks to her efforts, within a year, the government set up a water purification plant at about Rs 5 crore in Ramdurga.

On the orders of the court, rejuvenation work of the river on the town's outskirts was also carried out at a cost of Rs 7 crore in the first phase. However, the authorities failed to complete the work, which was discontinued the same year, after covering a mere 7 km, against the required 172 km.

"Though the authorities managed to carry out cleaning over only 7 km, it was not up to the mark. I filed a complaint with the Lokayukta in 2017," Dr Poornima told *TNIE*.

The Lokayukta served notices to the implementation authority and sought a report on river encroachment from the Naviluteertha Dam to Kudalasangama from the Irrigation Department, which then sought the same from the Regional Commissioner of Belagavi. The latter then directed the DCs of Gadag, Belagavi and Bagalkot to submit the survey report.

According to sources, "The Regional Commissioner has submitted a report to the Lokayukta detailing that the respective district administrations failed to submit the survey report recently."

"Hundreds of acres of river land have been illegally encroached upon. The state government has estimated to spend Rs 1 crore per km for the same work. If they feel burdened, they can seek the Centre's help," Dr Poornima said.

She had also written to the Prime Minister's Office and former CM Siddaramaiah. Though no developments have taken place in the last 15 years, a ray of hope in the form of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa himself assuring of necessary steps to clear the encroachment, is some reason to smile.

EDITORIAL

My heart is warm with the friends I make,
And better friends I'll not be knowing,
Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take,
No matter where it's going

Edna St. Vincent Millay

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— Ramnath Goenka

AVOIDING ANOTHER TWIN BALANCE SHEET PROBLEM

The Supreme Court order on Thursday offers interim relief to both banks and borrowers. If a borrower's account wasn't declared an NPA as on August 31, it shall remain standard until further notice. The stop-gap arrangement comes days after the six-month moratorium ended last month and days ahead of the release of the RBI-constituted Kamath Committee recommendations on a one-time loan restructuring scheme. Had the court not intervened, sub-standard accounts could have become a source of irritation, with analysts expecting a 3-4% rise in NPAs. Importantly, the issue of interest on interest is still pending. While from a borrower's perspective, the interest waiver demand appears genuine, for banks, it goes against the basics of banking business and robs them of invaluable interest income. Thus, the court's verdict will be keenly watched.

As per the central bank's own estimate, NPAs may nearly double to 14.5% of gross advances this fiscal if potential toxic assets are left unattended to. If bad loans rise once again, it'll lead to predictable difficulties—raise credit costs, hurt state-run banks already staring at weak profits and deplete their capital base. According to Moody's, banks will need nothing less than ₹2 lakh crore in the next two years. That's more than half of the ₹3.5 lakh crore the government had plonked down to recapitalise banks in the past four-five years. One way to lessen the government burden is to raise equity capital from markets, but that's a no-go zone due to the uncertainty surrounding India's economic recovery. It means that banks' dependence on the government is inevitable at a time when the sovereign's coffers are empty.

Also, will the loan recast rid banks off the NPA mess? Hardly. That's because sectors like tourism, hospitality and services that depend on discretionary spending were adversely affected due to Covid-19. Unless demand picks up, borrowers can't set their financial ducks in a row and repayments will suffer. A loan recast isn't enough and the government must revive aggregate demand to avoid a reoccurrence of the twin balance sheet problem.

DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER A COURAGEOUS MOVE

It does take courage to announce Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for power subsidies in agriculture, as Ajeya Kallam, principal advisor to the Andhra Pradesh chief minister, put it in his defence of the state Cabinet's decision to go in for the controversial move. More so in a state like Andhra Pradesh, where free power is a sensitive issue and none other than YSR, father of Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, was the original champion of the scheme. The trigger for the Cabinet decision is the Centre's incentive that ties reforms in the power sector to relaxation of the borrowing limit under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act. The state, being sorely in need of funds, has no option other than to implement the suggested reforms.

Nonetheless, it cannot plunge headlong into it without taking into consideration the possible repercussions. The DBT, to be implemented as a pilot project initially, would see the government transfer the subsidy directly to the farmers' accounts, from where it will be paid to the distribution companies. The state has as many as 17.55 lakh agricultural power connections. First up, metering itself is a Herculean task given the apprehensions farmers have. It is also as yet unclear if the accounts will be opened in the land owners' names or tenant farmers'. The government has said the subsidy amount will be credited to the farmers' accounts up front at the beginning of every month. But will it? The financial situation of Discoms has over the years deteriorated partly because of accumulated unpaid subsidies. Going by history, farmers' associations are understandably afraid.

If these apprehensions are addressed, none should have any objection to DBT. It is indeed time to undertake these reforms to bring about accountability, clarity and transparency in the power sector. The Discoms too stand to benefit as a scientific picture will emerge of the utilisation of power by the farm sector and their finances could be better managed. Jumping the gun as the opposition TDP has done, claiming that free power will be withdrawn, is ironic since Chandrababu Naidu was the original champion of power sector reforms.

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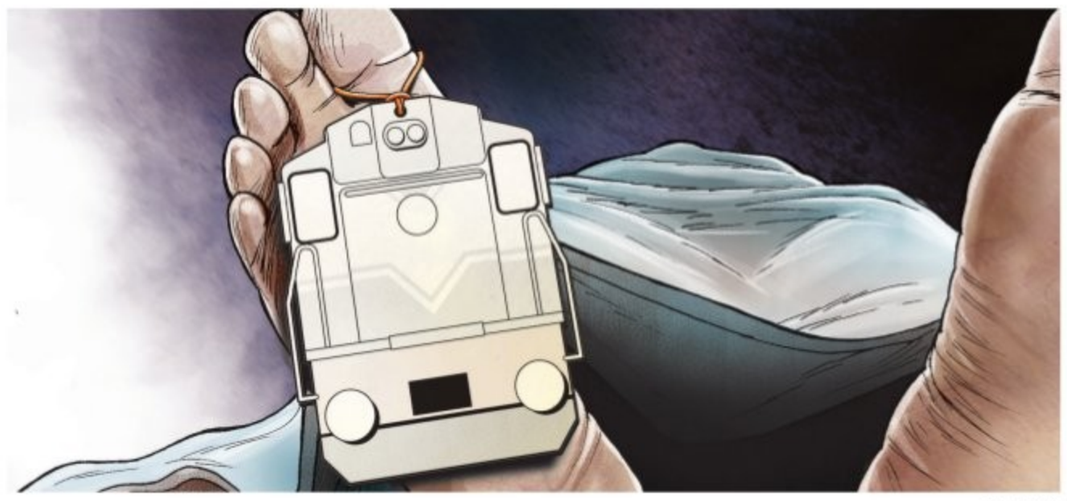
RAILWAYS, ACCIDENTS AND DEATH ON THE TRACKS



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There were trains in India before 1853, even commercial. But officially, the birthday of the railways is 16 April 1853, with that passenger train from Bori Bunder to Thane, carrying 400 invited VIP passengers. Years ago, economic historians of the Marxist variety used to debate the relevance of the Asiatic mode of production for India. In that context, there is a familiar Karl Marx quote from "The Future Results of British Rule in India". "The railway-system will therefore become, in India, truly the forerunner of modern industry." People will probably not readily recall when this essay was first published. Marx wrote it on 22 July 1853 and published it on 8 August 1853. Karl Marx must have known of the Bori Bunder to Thane train and reacted to the news.

It is 166 years from 1853 to 2019. Most people probably don't know that in recent years, the track record of Indian Railways (IR) on safety has been remarkably good. This becomes evident if one normalises and divides absolute numbers by something like total passengers, or total kilometres travelled by trains. Irrespective of the indicator used, IR's performance is superior to that of many so-called advanced countries. That record may be good, but 2019-20 was exceptional. For the first time in 166 years, there have been no deaths to passengers from consequential railway accidents.

As a reaction, there has been skepticism and criticism. What about those who die on Mumbai local trains? What about 20-year-old Dilshat Khan? In December 2019, near Kalyan station, he decided to perform a stunt on the footboard of a local train. He crashed into a pole and died. What about 19-year-old Abzad and 22-year-old Mohammed Matti? In September 2019, weren't they killed near Bengaluru, trying to make a TikTok video on a railway track? Weren't they run over by a train and killed? In Delhi, in July 2019, an Indian Army captain committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a train. Incidentally, as Bollywood evolved, trains featured in Hindi films. If you think of old black-and-white Hindi films, and not recent ones, you will recall trains figured in films because they were convenient ways of committing suicide. They provided that setting and no more. The NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) brings out a publication, "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India". We have this for 2018. The 2019 version will probably be available in December 2020. In 2018, according to NCRB, there were 24,545 deaths because of railway accidents—1,507 at railway crossings and the remainder primarily due to people falling off trains or being run over by them. There were also a few instances (with relatively fewer deaths) of derailments/collisions in UP.

There may not have been derailments/collisions in 2019-20. Unmanned level crossings may have become manned. But what about people falling off trains or being run over by them? One can understand skepticism about the 2019-20 numbers. But this is because one has failed to understand what the numbers signify. Since every statement issued by IR uses the expression "consequential railway accident", there must be some meaning attached to the word "consequential". Other than the NCRB, the Commission of Rail Safety (CRS), under the Civil Aviation Ministry because of historical reasons, also provides numbers on such deaths. That too is for "consequential" and the latest numbers are for 2017-18. "Consequential" is defined in the following way. "For the purpose of Railway working, accident is an occurrence in the course of working of Railway which does or may affect the safety of the Railway, its engine, rolling stock, permanent way and works, fixed installations, passengers or servants or which affect the safety of others or which does or may cause delay to train or loss to the Railway." These are railway-related and are included if they are above a certain threshold.

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We think IR's figures are about all accidents. No, they are only about consequential or serious accidents and it is those that have been eliminated in 2019-20. These are also incidents where IR has implied culpability and is responsible. To make it clearer still, CRS states, "Cases of trespassers run over and injured or killed through their own carelessness or of passengers injured or killed through their own carelessness" are excluded. IR then statistically classifies these accidents from A to R. Take for example L2, "no tension in OHE (overhead equipment) for more than three minutes". This may not fit with our usual perception of accidents, but the effect on IR can be disastrous. Alternatively, there are also F (averted collisions), G (breach of block rules), H (a train passing a signal at danger), J (equipment failures), K (failure of permanent way), L (failure of electrical equipment), M (failure of signaling and telecommunication), Q6 (blockade to train services due to agitation). IR accident data are for a specific purpose and do not, and need not, reflect our passenger-based and citizen-based perceptions of death on the tracks. It isn't the case that other types of deaths (Dilshat Khan, Abzad, Mohammed Matti, the Army captain) aren't captured by the system. They are classified as trespassing and untoward incidents and fed into the system through the NCRB. As I said, we will know the 2019 numbers in December 2020. The railway crossing ones will certainly be fewer. Going by 2018, I think numbers for falling from a train and getting run over on a track will not be more than 20,000, perhaps lower.

(Tweets @bibekdebroy)

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RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'
Union Cabinet Minister for Education

Explaining the Wardha scheme of education, Gandhiji said, "Taken as a whole, a vocation is the best medium for the all-round development of a boy or a girl and therefore the syllabus should be woven around vocational training." In independent India, his philosophy was translated as 'SUPW' period in schools (Socially Useful Productive Work). If we had implemented these words of the Father of the Nation in letter and spirit, India would have been an entirely different country. As per the 12th Five Year Plan document, just 5% of people between the ages of 19 to 24 received vocational education.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his first Independence Day speech in 2014, laid clear his priorities for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. He said, "Ramping up skills, particularly in trades, through vocational education has emerged as a recurrent and increasingly critical priority for India." He also highlighted the unique demographic dividend of India when he listed the 4D factors (Democracy, Demography, Demand and Decisiveness) that make India an attractive destination for investors.

To address this, the ministry unveiled the National Educational Policy 2020 to honour the vision of Mahatma Gandhi and also Modi. For the first time, the policy speaks at length about the measures to be taken by the ministry in the field of vocational education. The policy talks about revolutionary changes that are being brought in the entire educational system with respect to vocational education. I will throw light on the important aspects.

The NEP 2020 aims to break stereotypes and bring a change in the perception of vocational education. Let me explain how it does so. First, it says that the scope of school education will be broadened to facilitate multiple pathways to learning, involving both formal and non-formal education modes. For the first time in the history of modern India, non-formal education is also included in the policy.

Secondly, it advocates the removal of separation between vocational and academic streams, and students will be given increased flexibility and choice of subjects to study, particularly in secondary school—including subjects in the arts and crafts, physical education and vocational skills. The hard separation has resulted in stereotyping of vocational education. The time has arrived to end this. Subjects such as vocational skills, in addition to science, humanities and maths, will be incorporated throughout the school curriculum.

Thirdly, in middle school, introduction of vocational education will start in Grade 6. It says every child should learn at least one vocation and be exposed to several more. With exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality vocational education will be integrated smoothly into higher education. Sampling of important vocational crafts, such as carpentry, electrical work, metal work, gardening, pottery making, etc., as decided by states and local communities will be done in Grades 6-8.

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Fourthly, local trades available in the neighbouring areas of the school will be identified. All these years, there was a disconnect between what the society needs and what the school teaches. The society needed a carpenter, but carpentry was never taught in school. Local artisans and experts were never encouraged to teach in schools. This policy breaks this. A 10-day bagless period sometime during Grades 6-8 to intern with local vocational experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists, etc., is being allowed. Similar internship opportunities to learn vocational subjects will be provided to students throughout Grades 6-12, including holiday periods.

Fifth, at the high school level, there is a distinct disconnect between schools that offer vocational trades and those that don't at present. Also, vocational courses are not available in all schools. To offset it, the policy proposes that vocational education will be integrated in the educational offerings of all secondary schools in a phased manner over the next decade. 'All schools' is the key word. Towards this, secondary schools will also collaborate with ITIs, polytechnics, local industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up.

Sixth, in the realm of higher education, institutions will offer vocational education either on their own or in partnership with industries and NGOs. Vocational courses will also be available to students enrolled in all other bachelor's degree programmes, including the four-year multidisciplinary bachelor's programmes.

HEIs will also be allowed to conduct short-term certificate courses in various skills including soft skills. 'LokVidya', i.e. important knowledge developed in India, will be made accessible to students through integration into vocational education courses. These measures will ensure that by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to vocational education.

Seventh, to oversee this, the Ministry of Education will constitute a National Committee for the Integration of Vocational Education (NCIVE), consisting of experts in vocational education and representatives from across ministries in collaboration with industries. Let me conclude with the PM's words that to be relevant in the modern age we need to "skill, re-skill, upskill".

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China's behaviour shocking

It is shocking that China has allegedly paid more than ₹2.5 crore in Nepali currency to various Nepal-based organisations to carry out demonstrations against India along the border. By escalating tensions along the LAC and instigating nations against us, China aims to divert attention from its role in the spread of the coronavirus.
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Balanced Centre-state ties

This is with reference to *When Centre and states can't dance together* (Sep 4). The author stressed the need for well-balanced Centre-state relations as centralisation would be detrimental to the country's federal structure. The ruling dispensation's actions seem to be leaning towards such a centralisation.
Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

UP govt to blame

This is with reference to *Kafeel Khan case a litmus test for bureaucratic reform* (Sep 4). The editorial was an eye-opener in the present socio-political scenario. The Uttar Pradesh government is to blame as it hounded Dr Khan for two years due to him trying to bring to light what happened in the BRD Medical College Hospital
K M Sidhique, Bengaluru

Misuse of laws

The case of harassment of Dr Khan by the Uttar Pradesh government takes the cake as every conceivable law was misused. No one is held accountable for this misuse of law by authorities in cahoots with political leaders against innocent citizens.
V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Welcome tribute

The news that Kerala will name its first open university after social reformer and spiritual leader Sree Narayana Guru and set it up on the auspicious day of Gandhi Jayanti is a great tribute to both the Guru and the father of the nation. The lack of age bar will surely attract many students.
P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Trump, Harris and China

This is with reference to *Trump's America, China and the world* (Sep 4). The Trump-Modi bonhomie reflected in the 'Howdy Modi' and 'Namaste Trump' extravaganzas would be a better vote-puller for Donald Trump with Indian-Americans than the 'name-only' connection Kamala Harris has. One hopes Trump will facilitate a new world order to counter the aggressive designs of China.
Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Brings joy to homemakers

The observation by the Madras HC that a homemaker has to be put on a higher pedestal than an earning member and that the former also contribute to the income of a household as well as the nation's economy is laudable. This will bring joy to every homemaker as the verdict is a morale booster for them.
K Jayanthi, Chennai

Symbols of sacrifice

Kudos to Justice S M Subramaniam for the landmark judgment. The petitioner who challenged the decision of the Motor Accidents Claim Tribunal deserves praise. Homemakers are symbols of sacrifice that goes unnoticed. It would be meaningful to extend the spirit of this judgment to those women who play both homemaker and working woman roles.
P Rajaraman, Tirunelveli

Credit to T'gana government

This is with reference to *New T'gana milestone: Mega crop acreage* (Sep 3). The credit must go to the state government for its sincere efforts in providing water resources and uplifting the agricultural sector of Telangana. However, there must be persistent peripheral development like improving connectivity of villages through better roads, broadband services, etc. Easy availability of cheap credit should also be emphasised.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Corrigendum

The editorial *Ending Kerala culture of political killings* carried in these columns on September 4 referred to the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) and not as inadvertently published. The error is regretted.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
If China wishes to ban #Tagore & #Yoga for their citizens, whose loss is it? Neither Tagore's, nor Yoga's and definitely not India's

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
Your MP calls Godse a deshbhakt & celebrates death of martyr Hemant Karkare How are these young officers supposed to take you seriously?

Gaurav Bhatia @gauravbh
Want to tell Sanjay Raut Ji in Rahat Indori's style: 'Kisi ke baap ka Mumbai thodi hai'

China on mind, UP depts asked to ban bidders from 'certain' nations

Move comes after Centre imposed a ban on Chinese mobile apps amid LAC stand-off

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID the ongoing India-China tension, the Uttar Pradesh government has issued an order to all departments to ban bidders for procurement from 'certain' countries that share their land borders with India.

This has come after the Centre imposed a ban on Chinese apps on Wednesday.

Though the UP government order does not mention any neighbouring country, sources said the order should be seen in the context of China, Pakistan and Nepal.

The order undersigned by state government's joint secretary (finance) Sanjay Kumar Mishra was issued on August 26 in compliance with a directive issued by the Centre. The subject of the order is: 'Ban on bidders from certain countries in public procurement'.

Mishra has also circulated a copy of a letter dated July 23 issued from the Union government's secretary (expenditure) TV Somanathan to officers asking them to take necessary action as expected in the letter.

"The Government of India's general financial rules have been amended to provide for restrictions on procurement from bidders from a country or countries on grounds of defence of India or matters directly or indirectly related thereto, including national security... It is imperative for the defence of India and national security that the same restrictions be applied in respect of procurement by state governments and their public undertakings, as well as in public private partnership projects receiving financing from state governments," said the letter issued by the Centre.

The Union government has asked the state government to set up a competent authority for prior registration of the bidders. However, political clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs and security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs before registration will be necessary, said the Centre's communication to the state.

Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane (left) interacts with troops during his visit to review the security situation in Ladakh | PTI

EAM CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF UNSC

At a meeting of BRICS foreign ministers, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative as a dynamic and mutually beneficial global economic engagement to help achieve rapid growth and development. He also called for expansion of the UNSC in both permanent and non-permanent categories, apart from reformed multilateralism including reform of international bodies like WTO, and IMF.

Pakistan blocks initiatives at SAARC, says foreign secy

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Friday made a veiled attack on Pakistan saying it has been 'blocking initiatives' at the SAARC.

"SAARC is a body that functions on consensus but one of our neighbours has been blocking the initiatives. Whenever we try to come up with an initiative, one country blocks it," he said at a webinar organized by the Indian Council for World Affairs.

The foreign secretary, in an apparent reference to Pakistan's failed attempts to designate four Indian nationals as terrorists by placing them on the UNSC 1267 Sanctions list, said that politicisation of global mechanisms such as the United Nations (UN) and FATF must be avoided.

Asserting that India puts its national interest on priority while seeking Free Trade Agreements (FTA) or Preferential Trade Agreements (PTA), Shringla said New Delhi did not become a part of the Regional Economic Comprehensive Partnership (RCEP) as its "national interests were not served". Whether or not to re-examine the decision is the government's choice, he added.

The foreign secretary also stressed the importance of neighbouring countries for India. "The term 'Neighbourhood First' was not coined lightly. This was evident as leaders of SAARC and BIMSTEC were invited for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two swearing-ins," he said, addeding that India would like to see its neighbours grow with it.

On Nepal, Shringla said despite ups and downs and some decisions taken due to politics, ties with the country will remain strong.

INDIAN, RUSSIAN NAVIES HOLD MARITIME DRILL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Indian and Russian navies on Friday began a two-day mega military exercise in the Bay of Bengal to further consolidate their interoperability in dealing with various security challenges, officials said.

A wide-range of activities across the spectrum of maritime operations like surface and anti-aircraft drills, firing exercises, helicopter operations and replenishment at sea will be part of the 11th edition of the biennial exercise Indra Navy, they said.

The two countries undertook the exercise at a time when India is engaged in a bitter border row with China in eastern Ladakh. The Indian Navy has significantly expanded its deployment in the Indian Ocean Region, deploying a plethora of warships and submarines following the border row to send across a message to Beijing. The maritime space around the Malacca Strait is very critical for China''s supply chain through sea routes.

"The exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, improving understanding and imbibing best practices between the two navies. It epitomises the long-term strategic relationship between the two navies" Indian Navy Spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said.

He said the exercise has matured over the years with increase in scope, complexity of operations, and level of participation.

The Indian Navy is represented by guided missile destroyer Ranvijay, indigenous frigate Sahyadri and fleet tanker Shakti, along with their integral helicopters.

With PTI inputs

'Russian vaccine induced antibody, no adverse effects'

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

NEARLY three weeks after Russia registered the world's first Covid-19 vaccine — Sputnik-V, results from its early-stage clinical trials have been published in *The Lancet*, which shows that two formulations of a two-part vaccine have a good safety profile with no serious adverse events detected over 42 days.

The trials also confirmed that the vaccine induces antibody responses in all participants within 21 days. The success of Sputnik-V, which is set to enter into a late-stage trial involving 40,000 individuals and could also be given to high-risk and consenting individuals beginning October, could have implications for India.

Limitations to the study

The authors said some limitations to their study, including that it had a short follow-up (42 days), it was a small study, some parts of the phase 1 trials included only male volunteers, and there was no placebo or control vaccine.

The Russian government is in talks with India to get the vaccine tried here as part of phase 3 trial and also get Indian manufacturers to mass-produce the vaccine. The trial results, meanwhile, show that secondary outcomes or planned outcome measures that are not as important as the primary outcome measure but are still of interest in evaluating the effect of an intervention, the vaccines also produce a T cell response within 28 days.

The new paper reports the findings from two small phase 1 and 2 trials lasting 42 days — one studying a frozen formulation of the vaccine, and another involving a lyophilised (freeze-dried) formulation of the vaccine. The two-part vaccine includes two adenovirus vectors, which have been modified to express the Covid spike protein.

The adenoviruses are also weakened so that they cannot replicate in human cells and cannot cause disease (adenovirus usually causes the common cold). Explaining why they are using two different adenovirus vectors, author Dr Denis Logunov, N F Gamaleya National Research Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology, Russia, said they have been used to avoid the immune system becoming immune to the vector.

These trials on 76 individuals took place in two hospitals in Russia. The trials were open-label and non-randomised, meaning that participants knew that they were receiving the vaccine and were not assigned by chance to different treatment groups.

The trials involved healthy adults aged 18-60 years, who self-isolated soon they were registered for the trial and remained in the hospital for the first 28 days of the trial (from when they were first vaccinated).

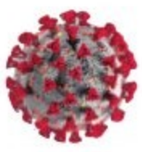
The Russian government is in talks with India for vaccine trials here | FILE

PARLIAMENT

Covid-19 test report must for lawmakers

NEW DELHI: All MPs have been directed to get themselves tested for the coronavirus 72 hours before the monsoon session beginning from September 14. According to the guidelines issued by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariat, if the tests are not done, it will be conducted at the reception and MPs will have to wait till the results are out.

"In case the member is found negative, he or she can attend the Session forthwith. If the test turns out to be negative, but the member has symptoms, he will have to undergo an RT-PCR test and go for home isolation until the results are out," it said. The MPs have also been advised to get their family members, personal staff and maids tested for the disease.



It added the face must be covered all the time, and it must be ensured that the face mask is safely disposed of, and they would be encouraged to wear disposable face covers.

30-minute Zero Hour

With no Question Hour planned during the monsoon session, a 30-minute Zero Hour will be taken up by the Lower House, even as the secretariat is still working out the sitting arrangements of the MPs.

While ministers and party leaders are likely to sit in the LS chamber, several members will have to adjust in the galleries. All eyes will be on former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi who may not get the top priority sitting slots, sources said. Gandhi in the previous sessions used to sit in the second row of the Opposition benches.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Congress working president Sonia Gandhi, parliamentary veterans Mulayam Singh Yadav, HD Deve Gowda, T R Baalu, Farooq Abdullah among others are likely to be adjusted in the Lok Sabha chamber, sources said. *ENS*

Don't get influenced by 'Singham', PM tells young IPS officers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi on Friday exhorted women police personnel to engage with mothers in terrorism-hit J&K and prevent youngsters from taking the "wrong path".

At the same time, Modi showered praise on the residents of the newly created UT and said they are "lovely" people who have the special ability to learn new things.

Addressing the 'Dikshant Parade' of probationary Indian Police Service (IPS) officers graduating from the prestigious Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad. The PM also praised the police for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic saying, the public outreach by the forces during the situation has made a collective and lasting impact in the society regarding their humanitarian face. He also counselled the new officers — not to be influenced by films like *Singham* that portrayed supercops.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a virtual interaction with young police officers in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

"Some policemen who join new duty want to first show-off ... scare people... And anti-social elements should shiver from hearing my name itself.... after watching films like 'Singham', it gets over their mind and because of it those works which need to be done get missed out," Modi noted. The PM also cautioned the young officers not to indulge in wrongdoings and said they would be exposed by the latest technologies.

Responding to a woman probationer, Modi lavished praise on the people of Kashmir. He said: "I am very connected to these people... All of us, we have to work towards stopping the children from taking the wrong direction. And this can be done by our women officers. Our women force can work in educating the mothers and bringing back those children."

Commitment will inspire youngsters: Amit Shah

Home Minister Amit Shah wished the IPS officers of 2018 batch and said he was confident that their commitment towards service will inspire youngsters to join the police service. As many as 131 probationers, including 28 women, of the 2018 batch completed their training in the academy

No merit: SC dismisses JEE-NEET review pleas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the review petition filed by ministers from six Opposition-ruled states, challenging the court's earlier order rejecting petitions to postpone NEET-JEE exams in wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A bench comprising Justices Ashok Bhushan, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari refused to entertain the petition filed by ministers from West Bengal, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, opining that there is no merit in the plea.

> We have carefully gone through the review petitions and the connected papers. We find no merit in the review petitions and the same are accordingly dismissed
>
> Supreme Court

The Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) Mains has begun on September 1 and is scheduled to go on till September 6, the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) will be conducted on September 13.

On August 17, the court had rejected students' petitions against the postponement of the exams, saying that the career of students cannot be put under jeopardy for long.

"Life has to go on. Life has to move ahead. Precious year of students cannot be wasted," the court had then observed. A review petition was then filed by West Bengal Labour and Law Minister Moloy Ghatak, Jharkhand Finance Minister Dr Rameshwar Oraon, Rajasthan Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Raghu Sharma, Chhattisgarh's Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, and Maharashtra Education Minister Uday R. Samant.

The review petition asserted that the Supreme Court's decision "fails to secure the safety, security and right to life of students-candidates appearing for the NEET/JEE exams".

BCI asks Delhi bar council to examine lawyer Bhushan's tweets against judiciary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Bar Council of India (BCI) has asked the Delhi bar council to examine lawyer-activist **Prashant Bhushan**'s tweets that led to Supreme Court's order convicting him for contempt of court.

The Bar Council of a state grants licence to a person to practice as a lawyer and has powers such as suspending or taking away the right of its members in certain situations to practice under the Advocates Act, 1961. "The General Council of the Bar Council of India has unanimously resolved to direct the Bar Council of Delhi, where Prashant Bhushan is enrolled as an Advocate, to examine the matter and proceed as per law and rules to decide the same as expeditiously as possible," a BCI statement said.

"The Council is of the view that the tweets and statements made by Prashant Bhushan... needs thorough study and examination by the Bar Council in the light of the statutory duties, powers and functions conferred on it under the Advocates Act, 1961 and the rules framed thereunder, particularly, Section 24A and Section 35 of the Advocates Act and Chapter-II, Part-VI of Bar Council of India Rules," the statement read. According to Section 24A of the Act, an advocate can be disqualified while Section 35 pertains to punishment for misconduct.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra (now retired) recently convicted Bhushan of contempt of court for his tweets against the judiciary.

As a punishment, he was fined ₹1 and directed to deposit the amount with the SC registry by September 15, failing which he would have to undergo three-month jail term and debarred from law practice for three years.

LAC TENSION

Soldiers have high morale, in good health: Army chief

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GENERAL Naravane said the nation can count on us. "It was very satisfying to see our soldiers and local commanders have high morale and in good health. It gives me confidence that they are well prepared to safe guard the territorial integrity of our nation," Naravane said.

He added: "Over the last three months, both sides have been engaged in resolving the tension. Military and diplomatic channels are functioning. We will continue to utilise all existing mechanisms to reduce the tension and to ensure that the status quo is not unilaterally changed."

The developments come days ahead of a likely meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meet in Moscow on September 10. The meeting between the two leaders was not on the agenda earlier, but sources said it was scheduled after the Chinese side requested for it.

The meeting will be second time that the two foreign ministers share the stage after the latest flare up on the Pangong Tso in Ladakh after both Jaishankar and Yi virtually participated in the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting on Friday.

EXPRESS READ

FASTag mandatory for all vehicles from Jan

New Delhi: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed to make FASTag mandatory, with effect from January 2021, for all private and public vehicles sold before December 2017. In a draft notification, the ministry has also proposed making FASTags a pre-requisite for all vehicles availing third party insurance.

Compartment exams in Sept-end: CBSE

New Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Friday informed the Supreme Court that it will conduct class X and XII compartment exams, and also papers for those who wish to improve their marks in September-end. The CBSE counsel told a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar.

KAZIRANGA

The Kaziranga National Park in Assam has got bigger by 3,053 hectares. The government issued a notification approving seventh, eighth and ninth additions to the park. These additions include encroachment-evicted areas and wildlife habitat at riverine islands.

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Srinagar	20	16	Chandigarh	32	25

Facing financial crisis, family of 5 commits suicide

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A family of five people, apparently facing acute financial crisis since the lockdown, committed suicide in Dahod town of Gujarat.

Saifuddin Sabbirbhai Dudhiyawala, a 42-year-old paper dish and bowl manufacturer, his wife, twin daughters aged 16 years and seven-year-old youngest daughter were found dead at their rented apartment.

After being alerted by neighbours that the family had not been answering phone calls and doorbells, the police rushed to the apartment. Dudhiyawala's body was found in the kitchen's doorway while the bodies of his wife and daughters were found in the bedroom.

A suicide note was found which said they had consumed poison, but the reason for taking the extreme step was not mentioned. "Preliminary probe suggests that the deceased may have consumed poison-laced water or cold drink," said a police officer.

The family had moved to the neighbourhood a few years ago from Madhya Pradesh. Police learnt that Dhudhiyawala had suffered heavy financial losses after the lockdown and had been seeking help to pay off his debts.

> **This seems to be premeditated suicide because two days ago, he (victim) sent his parents to maternal uncle's house. He also brought back home his younger daughter**
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> Paresh Solanki, Deputy SP, Dahod

Paresh Solanki, Deputy SP, Dahod division said, "This seems to be premeditated suicide because two days ago, he sent his parents to maternal uncle's house. He also brought back home his younger daughter who was at his sister-in-law's place. We found a bottle of poison which was sent for analysis."

He said that the bodies were for the post mortem. "Once we get the report, we will be in better position to confirm the cause of death. Saifi's younger brother, who was his business partner, had also committed suicide last year."

Gehlot plans 100% job quota for locals

Rajasthan CM is said to have directed heads of personnel and administrative reforms to give the idea an early shape

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Shivraj Singh Chouhan's decision to reserve all government jobs in Madhya Pradesh for locals has found a taker in Rajasthan CM **Ashok Gehlot**. The corridors of power in Jaipur are abuzz with news that Gehlot is going to make all government jobs available only for bonafide unemployed youth of Rajasthan.

Reportedly, the decision came about after a high-level meeting of Gehlot with Rajasthan State Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra in which a seven-point agenda was discussed to tackle the grave crisis of unemployment. Keen to provide major opportunities of employment to the locals, Gehlot is said to have directed heads of personnel and administrative reforms to give the idea an early shape in terms of action and policy.

"The government will soon put the proposal before the Cabinet and only after its approval and necessary legal changes, the government will advertise for various vacancies under different categories. The idea is to give relief to large sections of society that are reeling under the effects of Covid crisis," a senior administrative officer said.

Ever since Madhya Pradesh made the quota announcement in August, the opposition BJP had been demanding that the Gehlot government to act accordingly to "safeguard the interests of the youth of Rajasthan". Back then, Dotasra had dubbed the MP government's move as an antic to woo the voters for poll compulsions.

Though the Constitution prohibits discrimination based on place of birth, the apex court has held domicile reservation, especially in educational institutions, as valid but it should be as per constitutional provisions.

Experts have pointed out that job seekers from Rajasthan have seen opportunities dwindling on account of other states resorting to impositions like necessity of being a domicile, knowledge of local language or dialect or graduating from local institutions, while the doors to employment are open without restrictions in Rajasthan.

Govt opposes Adani's takeover of Jaipur airport

Rajasthan has opposed the Centre's decision to hand over Jaipur airport's management to Adani Group. It has written to the Centre saying no permission was taken from the state aviation directorate

MVA leaders condemn Kangana for remark comparing Mumbai to PoK

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE ruling parties in Maharashtra launched a no-holds-barred verbal attack on Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut for her statements on Mumbai and its police.

From Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Maharashtra Congress president Balasaheb Thorat to state home minister Anil Deshmukh, the Maha Vikas Aghadi allies on Friday slammed Kangana for her remarks while protests erupted in Mumbai and other cities against the actor in Maharashtra. In a tweet, Ranaut had asked "why is Mumbai feeling like Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK)?" and tagged a report where Raut had said she should not come back to Mumbai if she was afraid of the city police. Deshmukh said if Kangana had no trust on the Mumbai Police and felt insecure in Mumbai, then she should not come to Mumbai.

Similarly, Raut said that Mumbai belongs to *Marathi manoos* only. "We have given blood and sweat for Mumbai. If anyone has any doubt, they should show their true colour. We did not believe in threat but actions," said Raut.

Thorat, on his part, wondered why Kangana was defaming Mumbai which gave her name, money and fame. "The BJP's IT cells are operating Kangana's Twitter account to defame Mumbai Police and Maharashtra. There is a bigger conspiracy. ... All these are being done by the BJP for the Bihar election," he alleged.

SURVIVAL PANGS

MP's feted *Kho Kho* player awaits govt job

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

DAUGHTER of a sanitation worker, Juhi Jha conquered all odds to win laurels for the country and her state, Madhya Pradesh, but has been struggling to get a job.

Part of the Indian team that won the gold medal at Asian Kho Kho Championship 2016, Juhi was recently removed as a sports teacher in a private school even as she is still waiting to get a government job, which she is entitled to, being a recipient of MP's highest sports honour Vikram Award in 2018.

Juhi, who lives with her parents and siblings in a rented shanty in Indore's Banganga area, is a commerce graduate. For 12 years, the family stayed in a small room attached to a Sulabh toilet as her father worked there. They shift to the shanty after her father lost his job. Her mother somehow managed to make the ends meet by sewing clothes.

The family's life took a turn for the better when Juhi was selected to be part of the Indian team in 2016. "After being part of the winning team, I was selected among top ten promising sportspersons for the Vikram Award and our life saw a turnaround. I got a job in a private school and was hopeful of getting a government job, too," Juhi said. All Vikram Award winners are eligible to get a state government job.

Unfortunately, she lost the private job a few months back. "The school administration told me that since I'm eligible to get a government job, I might leave them. With lockdown limiting job opportunities, all my efforts to get a private job have gone in vain."

Juhi has been running from pillar to post, pleading officials in Indore and Bhopal to help her get even a Class III or IV contractual job, but without any success.

MP govt assures job

Additional Director, sports department, said his office will ensure that the process for job selection is accelerated for all Vikram awardees

JHARKHAND

Rajdhani Exp travels with 1 passenger

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE New Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani Express, which remained stranded at the Daltonganj station for several hours on Thursday due to an agitation, reached Ranchi with a lone girl passenger, Ananya, covering around 535 km, Friday morning.

The remaining 930 passengers were taken from Daltonganj to Ranchi by a bus. However, railway officials could not persuade the young law student to take the bus or taxi arranged by the district administration.

The train was diverted to Gomoh and Bokaro, covering over 225 km extra. "I was being forced to take a bus or taxi, but I was not ready as I had already paid for the train journey. When I informed the railways through Twitter, they sent me to Ranchi by train," Ananya said.

Daughter of a retired official of the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), the girl lives at Dhurwa in Ranchi.

The railway authorities said the district administration had arranged for the road transport in view of the uncertainty over the ongoing agitation at Tori junction.

"It is the responsibility of Railways that every passenger on board reaches one's destination on time. So, buses were arranged to ferry the passengers to Ranchi. Due to some reasons, the girl was reluctant to board a bus or taxi," said Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Avnish.

Finally, the train departed from Daltonganj in the evening and reached Ranchi at 1:45 am on Friday, late by more than 15 hours

Three militants killed in Kashmir, Major hurt

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THREE militants were killed in two gunfights in south and north Kashmir on Friday in which an Army Major and two policemen were also injured.

Army, police and CRPF launched a joint operation at Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district in the morning when militants fired on a search party. "The militants were changing positions and gave a tough fight. In the ensuing gunfight, three militants were killed and an Army Major of 29 Rashtriya Rifles and two policemen got injured," a police officer said.

The Major was evacuated to Army hospital in Srinagar while the injured policemen were shifted to another hospital. The police officer said search operation was going on when reports last came in in the evening hours.

In the meantime, another gunfight erupted between militants and security forces in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. A police officer said the gunfight broke out after militants fired on troops, who were conducting house to house searches at Babhara area in the afternoon.

Security forces at an encounter site in Pattan area of J&K's Baramulla district on Friday | PTI

Police have inputs that two-three militants were trapped in the area where the gunfight was on till late evening.

Meanwhile, the J&K Police impounded nine vehicles after it was established that they were allegedly used in militancy incidents in different parts of the Valley. The seized vehicles include two private ambulances, three cars, a truck, two motorcycles and a scooty.

These vehicles, according to a police spokesperson, were used in transporation of militants and ammunition. He said the ambulances were used to ferry militants from Bijbehara Anantnag to Pandach area of Srinagar for carrying out the May 20 attack on BSF in which two jawans were martyred.

Another ambulance was used by militants to return to Bijbehara after carrying out the attack.

"The ISJK militants involved in the attack were killed in two gunfights and the weapons snatched from the slain BSF personnel recovered," the spokesperson said.

EXPRESS READ

Uttarakhand BJP MLA complains to Nadda

Dehradun: In trouble for Uttarakhand CM TS Rawat, BJP MLA Umesh Sharma 'Kau', has written to party chief JP Nadda complaining delays in development work and ignorant bureaucracy. This is despite the CM speaking to 18 BJP MLAs to placate them.

Gauhati HC sets aside order of ban on serial

Guwahati: The Gauhati High Court has set aside an order of the police commissioner that suspended the telecast of an Assamese TV serial *'Begum Jaan'* for two months. The serial was suspended based on the recommendations of a monitoring committee.

UP CM stresses branding and publicity of Ayodhya

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AS Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust is speeding up the temple construction in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has issued directives to the officials to draw an elaborate plan for global publicity campaign for the temple town.

While reviewing the progress of ongoing development projects, the CM claimed that the Ram temple will open new vistas of tourism in the temple town in near future. He laid stress on hiring efficient professionals for branding of Ayodhya.

At another review meeting, the CM asked the officials to develop Ayodhya as a solar city for ensuring a clean and green environment. "Ayodhya is known as the land of Lord Ram and has an immense mythological significance," he said. "Therefore, all the development works in the town must be executed keeping its ancient culture and mythological significance intact."

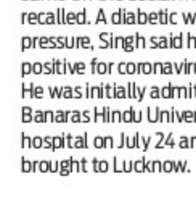
Manjhi warns Paswan against cutting JD-U votes

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

A day after sealing an electoral pact with the ruling JD-U, the Hindustani Awam Morcha warned the Lok Janshakti Party, an NDA ally, not to field candidates against Bihar CM Nitish Kumar or his party.

HAM's national president Jitan Ram Manjhi on Friday said his party would put up candidates against the LJP if it decided to contest seats of JD-U candidates in the Assembly polls due later this year.

LJP chief Chirag Paswan has called a meeting of its parliamentary board in Delhi on September 7 to discuss the party strategy following HAM's entry. NDA sources acknowledge Paswan's discomfort with HAM as also some wrinkles in ties between LJP and the JD-U.



> **The LJP should not go against the JD-U. (Union Minister) Ram Vilas Paswan has done nothing for Dalits. I do not wish to contest the polls this time, but will do whatever (Bihar CM and JD-U chief) Nitish Kumar wants**
>
> Jitan Ram Manjhi, HAM chief

The LJP on Friday left its allies behind by putting up a huge ad in all major newspapers with a slogan 'Come, create new Bihar, a young Bihar'. The tagline of LJP's ad runs like this: "*Woh lar rahe hai ham per raj karne ke liye, aur ham lar rahe hai Bihar per naaz karne ke liye* (they are fighting to rule over us, but we are fighting to make Bihar proud)."

The LJP has two MLAs in the 243-member Bihar assembly. Its vote bank primarily lies with pro-reservationists and backward castes. With Manjhi, who projects himself as the leader of the most backward castes, joining the NDA, the LJP may have a natural fear of losing the same vote bank.

Speaking to a local news channel, Manjhi turned more vocal against the LJP. "The LJP should not go against JD-U," he seemed to warn."Ram Vilas Paswan (Chirag's father and Union Minister) has done nothing for Dalits. I do not wish to contest the polls this time, but will do whatever Nitish Kumar wants," he said..

Now, SP comes up with 'Bicycle TV'

To broaden its outreach ahead of 2022 Assembly elections, the Samajwadi Party (SP) has launched its YouTube channel 'Bicycle TV'. It is part of party's aggressive digital reach strategy to reach out to the people for the upcoming 2022 UP Assembly elections, says Naved Siddiqui, party spokesperson. 'Bicycle' is also the symbol of the party. The soft launch of the Bicycle TV was held on August 15, with Independence Day message by party president Akhilesh Yadav. Short documentaries over previous government's developmental projects have also been uploaded on the channel.

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LUCKNOW DIARY

Sarus 'atlas' for conservation of state bird

To conserve Uttar Pradesh's state bird Sarus, the forest department is set to prepare an 'atlas' of the bird. The work on atlas will begin after the census is done. The first phase of census was conducted on September 2 during which most sarus cranes were spotted close to their nests incubating eggs. It was carried out in all districts to compile a GPS data of nesting, breeding and feeding sites of the cranes. The second and third phase will be conducted on December 16, June 16 next year respectively. The forest department, in association with the Institute of Wildlife Sciences, Lucknow University, is engaged in the exercise. Sarus Protection Society has also been roped in the wildlife project.

Cop's song during isolation goes viral

Battling the feeling of disappointment while undergoing treatment for the Covid-19 disease in hospital, Ghazipur SP Dr Om Prakash Singh rendered a song in the isolation ward and recorded the same. To his surprise, it went viral on social media. He recorded the song '*Humse ka bhul hui, jo yeh saja hamka mill*' and uploaded the same on the social media, he recalled. A diabetic with high blood pressure, Singh said he tested positive for coronavirus on July 23. He was initially admitted to Banaras Hindu University (BHU) hospital on July 24 and later brought to Lucknow.

ID for pets mandatory in Lucknow

Lucknow Municipal Corporation has made the registration of pet dogs mandatory and set September 30 as deadline. Those who don't will have their pets taken away. Registration and Penalty will ensure their release. The civic body has already started a drive in this regard. The LMC took away 15 unregistered pet dogs in last couple of days. The registration fee depends on the type of the breed. The annual registration fee for big dogs like Doberman or Labrador is ₹500. For smaller breed like Spitz, the fee is ₹300 while for local breed, the amount is ₹200 per annum.

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE COURT OF J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA

C.MIS.NO.152/2020

Smt. Sakamma D/o Late.Chowdayallamma W/o Late. Mohanraj Aged about: 50 years, R/at: Bavikere Village Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalaru rural Dist, ...**PETITIONER**

V/s **The Tahsildar,** Registrar of Birth and Death, Nelamangala Taluk ...**RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented the petition before this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths act 1969 for order to direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of the petitioner Mother by name Chowdayallamma D/o Late. Chikkayallappa was died on 20-03-2012 at Bavikere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangaluru rural Dist and order to issue the death certificate of her Father the Hon'ble court has fixed on, **29.10.2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said death petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11.00 am** failing which they said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 20.08.2020.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner : **Y.A. DHANANJAYA**, Advocate 1st Floor, Rajashwari building, B.H.Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District.

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

Roc. No . SSCL/ 6088/2020 Date : 03.09.2020

I	Providing Underground sewerage scheme - Phase III in division No,14, 24, 27, 34, 36 & 40 in the ABD area of Salem City Municipal Corporation. **Estimate Cost Rs.1486.00 Lakhs.**
II	Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III	**Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.** Submission of bids - **14.10.2020 upto 3.00 P.M** Opening of bids - **14.10.2020 at 3.30 P.M**

DIPR/3312/TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Salem Corporation**

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CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.	Material Description	Existing Due Date	Amended Due Date
202113 002347	Alkalize Sizing Chemicals with Alkyl Ketene Dimer (AKD) for PM # 1, 2 & 3	07.09.2020	14.09.2020

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Medical Journals required to Central Library, Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur under two cover bid system through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 04.09.2020

2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 19.09.2020 upto 5.00 PM

3) Technical Bid will be opened on 21.09.2020 at 11.30 A.M

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

Sd/-
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IFT No. PWD:DK:BD:KW_3:2020-21:1236 Date: 02-09-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

1. The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents **KW-3** on **e-Procurement Portal**, for the work as detailed in the table below under **Head of Account : 3054-03-337-0-05-200 (Non-Plan) SH Maintenance/2020-21 and 3054-04-337-1-10-200 (Non-Plan) MDR Maintenance for the Year 2020-21.** The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the Table Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The Tenderers are required to submit the Earnest Money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the tender. The Technical bid will be opened first and the second containing the price tender which will be opened only if the Technical Bid Tenderer is found to be qualified. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone Number 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **02-09-2020. TABLE**

Head of Account : 3054-03-337-0-05-200 (Non-Plan) SH Maintenance/2020-21

1. Work indent No: KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126078. **Name of the work:** Annual maintainance of (a) Kushtagi-Pattadakal (SH-59) road from KM 0.00 to 21.20, (b) Sindhanur-Hemmadaga road (SH-30) road form KM 35.00 to 80.20 in Kushtagi Taluka and Koppal District. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 70.00

2. Work indent No: KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126080. Annual maintaince of (a) Chikkahesarur-Mudugal-Mundaragi (SH-129) road from KM 59.00 to 72.70, (b)Mudugal-Kudatani (SH-29) road from KM 20.00 to 40.00, (c)Karvar-Ilkal (SH-06) road from KM 310.81 to 322.41 and KM 323.66 to 328.64, (d)Ramadurga-Manvi (SH-14) road from KM 82.81 to 87.51 and (e)Koppal-Kyadiguppa road from KM 44.00 to 68.30 in Kushtagi Tq. and Koppal Dist. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 70.00

Head of Account : 3054-04-337-1-10-200 (Non-Plan) MDR Maintenance for the Year 2020-21. 1. **Work indent No:** KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126957. Maintenance to MDR. 1) RG road to RG road via: Hirebenkal -Mukumpa. 2)Gaddi-Udamkal -Aral road. 3) Gaddi-Hampasdurga road SH-13. 4) Kanakagiri-Chikkatanda road via:somsagar. 5) Irkalgada-Muslapur road. 6) Hulihyadar-Devlapur road. 7) Gaddi-Bankapur-Kanakagiri SH-63. 8)Vaddaratti-Sulekal road via:Aral. 9) Agoli-Vittalapur-Malakanmaradi road. 10) Chikkabenkal-Yadahalli-Halekumta road. 11) Kanakagiri-Bommasagar road via:chikkamadinal. 12) Raravi-Belur road to Naglapur-Basrihal road.13) Kanakagiri-Kalkeri road.in Gangavathi. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 64.00

2. **Work indent No:** KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126374. Maintanance to MDR 1) Raravi Belur road to Mylapur Umalooti 2) Karatagi Basavanna Camp Via Pannapur3) Kanakagiri - Yetnatti road to SH 30 Via Neeralooti Mallapur 4) Karatagi - Hanaval road via Hegedal singanal 5) SH -29 's Sulekal - Nandihalli road via Benakanala ,kalakera, gunduru siddapur ,ulenoor 6) RG road to RG road via Baraguru marali Mustur 7) Siddapur Jamapur 8) Karatagi - Budagumpa 9) Navali -Kalmangi 10) Navali Hulihyder,Hanaval - Jeerala 12)Marlanahalli - Siddapur in Gangavathi Tq Koppal. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 83.00

3. **Work indent No:** KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126371. Maintenance of Bhanpur-Lakmapur Road Km 0.00 to 2.20, Kukanur-Arakera Road Via Goural-Chandur Km 0.00 to 6.60, Kukanur -Kallur Road Via Channappanhalli, Km 0.00 to 7.00, Rajur-Kallur Road Km 0.00 to 6.80, Budagumpa-Gedigera Road Via Kudugunti Km 5.00 to 9.00, Tipparasanal -Benakal Road Km 3.00 to 6.00, Honnunsi-Mangalore Road Km 0.00 to 8.00, Hunsihal to SH-13 Road Via Bevoor-Kolihal Road Km 4.00 to 5.00 & 8.00 to 11.40, Mangalore-Hirevaddarkal Road Via Nelageri-Kolihal Km 0.00 to 14.00, Kakkihalli-Muradi Road Via Balagera-Mangalore-Vanagera-Guttur Km 0.00 to 22.00, Mudhol -Dyampur Road Km 17.30 to 27.50, Mandalageri-Yarchanchinal upto Taluka border Km 0.00 to 4.00 & Km 9.00 to 19.00, Kalabhavi to SH-130 Approach Road Via Choudapur-Marakattu Km 0.00 to 8.40, NH-13-Mataladinni-Hirevankalkunta Road Km 0.00 to 2.80, Somapur-Sidnekoppa Road Km 0.00 to 2.00 & Kukanur-Bhatappanhalli Road. (Package-1) in Yelburga Taluk, Koppal Dist. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 73.50

4. **Work indent No:** KPWD/ 2020-21 /RD/ WORK_ INDENT 126372. Maintenance of Yelburga-Chickodagali Road Via Tumaraguddi Km 5.00 to 6.47, Hirearalhalli-Biraladinni Road Km 0.00 to 4.00, Talakeri-Uchalakunta Road Via Shidlabhavi Road Km 0.00 to 14.40, Yarehanchinal-Naregal Road Via Tondihal Km 0.00 to 3.00 & 7.00 to 12.00, Mannapur-Sompur Road Km 0.00 to 9.00, Kavalur-Mangalore Road Km 6.80 to 11.00, 12.00 to 24.00, 28.50 to 35.00 & 37.00 to 47.00, Shirur-Kinnal Road Via Muttal-Hirebidanal Road Km 0.00 to 3.80, Yelburga-Malaksamudra Road, Tipparasanal- Bedavatti-Shirur Ring Road Km 0.00 to 5.15, Salbhavi-Kudrikotagi Road Via Tallur-Madlur Road Km 0.00 to 11.00, Karamudi-Halakeri Road, Jarakunti-Vajrabandi Road to SH-6 Via Dammur-Bhunakoppa-Hagedal Km 0.00 to 5.70, Yelburga-Gajendragad Road Via Hosahalli-Chikoppa-Balutagi Road Km 6.06 to 10.00, Kudrimoti-Chandinal Road Km 0.00 to 4.60, NH-13-Budakunti-Jarakunti-NH-13 Road Km 0.00 to 4.00 (Package-2) in Yelburga Taluk, Koppal Dist. **Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs):** 65.50.

1. Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting : 10-09-2020 Time 11.00 hours. **2. Last date & time for Tender Queries/ clarification :** 11-09-2020 Time 16.00 hours. **3. Last date & time for receipt of tenders :** 14-09-2020 Time 16.00 hours. **4. Date and time for opening of technical bid :** 15-09-2020 Time 16.30 hours. **5. Date and time for opening of financial bid :** 21-09-2020 Time 11.00 hours

DIPR/Koppal/90/MCA/2020-21 **SD/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Koppal**

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Traffic Commercial Department, Central Office, 2nd Floor, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.

No. BMTC: CO: TR: COM:1579:2020-21 Date: 03.09.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:09/2020-21

(e-Procurement Platform)

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/ bids from interested Persons on monthly license fee basis for Cleaning & Maintenance of Toilet complexes at Kempegowda Bus Station.

(1) Last date & time for submission of bids is on : **18.09.2020** upto **12:00** hrs.

(2) Opening of Financial bids is on : **21.09.2020** at **12:30** hrs.

Details for Rent, EMD, license period, area & tender terms & conditions log on to: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 080-23010900, 23010901, 22371090, 22340060, 22340948 or 7760991026, 7760997519. E-mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**

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DIPR/DDU/LC/1016/2020-21 (Tender inviting Authority)

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IFTNO.:KMF/NPFP/PUR/E-TENDER/128-6/03/2020-21 Date: 02-09-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal)

KMF Unit: Nandini Packaging Film Plant, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for Transportation of Granules from (10 MTs capacity vehicle) M/s. Reliance Industries Limited, RIL Depot, Sy.No.42, 43, 44, Araresandra, Nelamangala, Kalaghatta(P), Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru, Karnataka(29), 562123 to Nandini Packaging Film Plant, Munnekolalu, HAL Road, Bengaluru-560037. For a period of 2 years contract. The last date for submission of tender is **03.10.2020 upto 03.30 PM.** Technical Tender Opening Date : **05.10.2020 at 3.30 PM.** For tender document details visit: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- General Manager,
Nandini Packaging Film Plant

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)

CIN No: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. : KPCL/EEMSPJ/STORES/2020-21/18 Date:04.09.2020

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e- Procurement Portal only)

Bids in two covers are invited through **"e" Procurement Portal (Website URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for **"Providing services like shifting of consignments/scrap materials, stacking of inventory & assistance in stores concerned activities at Jog Central Stores, KPCL for the period of six (06) months"** from the Regular Contractor/ Agency / Firm shall have proven experience in similar work of periodical special assistance / Houskeeping / Maintenance works / Services earlier. EMD : **Rs. 21,500/-** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **18.09.2020 up to 16:30 Hrs,** Date & Time for opening of Technical Bids : **21.09.2020 at 16:30Hrs.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP)J, KPCL, Jog Falls - 577435,** Sagar - Tq, Shivamogga - Dist, Mobile No: 94495 98847.

Shivamogga Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority

Commercial Complex, 100 Ft Road, Vinobanagar,

Shivamogga 577204 Ph. No. 08182-249867,249290,265990

No: ಶಿಭನಪ್ರಾ/ಕಾಂ.ಶಾ/Tender/11/2020-21 Dated 01.09.2020

e-Procurement Tender Notification (3rd Call)

Item-war tenders are invited from the eligible contractors registered in e-procurement portal and Karnataka Public Works Department as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Document KW-4 Rules by the undersigned. Eligible contractors can participate in the tender through e-procurement portal : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works. Tenderers are advised to note the eligibility criteria specified in Cl 3 of the instruction manual to tenderers.

Details of Tender Works 1. Works details : **Improvements to the Lake at Survey No. 70, in Jannapura Village, Bhadravathi City.** Amount put to tender in Rs lakhs: **448.03** EMD amount in Rs Lakhs: **6.72,** Period of Completion of works: **12** months including rainy season, Class of Contractors: Class 1.

The Tender schedule as per e-procurement are as follows: 1.Last date for tender queries/clarifications: **09.09.2020** upto **17.00** hrs. 2.Pre bid meeting: **11.09.2020** at **11.00** hrs. 3. Last Date for receipt of Tender: **19.09.2020** upto **17.00** hrs 4.Date of opening of Techncial bid: **22.09.2020** at **11.00** hrs. 5.Date of opening of financial bid : **After finalisation of technical bid**. For more details regarding e-procurement contact helpdesk No. 080-25501216.

For rules and more information contact the Asst. Executive Engineer of the Authority during office hours between 3.30 PM and 5.30 P M.

Sd/- **(Mookappa M Karabheemannanavar)** Commissioner SBUDA Shivamogga

Sd/- **(Sri. S Jyothi Prakash)** President SBUDA Shivamogga

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No: KEA 01 PROC (RFP) 2020 Date: 04-09-2020

NOTIFICATION

Seeking "Request for Proposal" (RFP) from eligible Evaluation Consultant Organizations to take up evaluation of studies under QCBS method of KTPP Act.

Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) is a technical agency for guiding and overseeing the evaluation of all Public Policies, Programmes, Schemes, Boards, Urban and Rural Bodies and State Undertakings in Karnataka. KEA intends to evaluate few schemes of the Government of Karnataka.

All the evaluation Consultant Organizations (ECOs) who intend to apply must carefully go through all the sections of this RFP. Interested ECOs are requested to upload filled Technical and Financial Proposals as prescribed in the RFP along with the letters to the e-Procurement Portal website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in after downloading the required documents hosted in the same website. The applicants have to pay **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 40,000/-** online which is refundable to non-selected ECOs.

The last date and time fixed for uploading the filled documents and to make the payment of EMD is on or **before 09-10-2020 at 17:30 hrs.**

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable / Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers (details mentioned below), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" **on 25.09.2020 11.00 A M to 12.00 P M** for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the Canara Bank.

The details are as under:

Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **23.09.2020 at 3.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer / or through online payment to Account the account the details are given below:

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total liabilities	Branch Name	Possession Type	Reserve Price (In Rs)	EMD (In lakhs)	Bid Incremental Value	Authorized Officer / Service Provider name and contact number	Account details for remitting EMD.
1.	**Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address: (1). Mr. Balakrishna,** S/O Mr. A L Dhingra, residing at No 25, 11th Cross, KPC Layout, Sy.No. 38/1,Kasavanahalli , Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram,Bangalore-560035.**(2). Mrs. Yogita B K,** W/O Mr. Balakrishna, residing at No 25, 11th Cross, KPC Layout, Sy.No. 38/1,Kasavanahalli , Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore-560035 . **Description of property with boundaries:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Residential land and building with Site No.25, formed in converted Sy No 38/1, Khata No. 96, Assessment Register No.96 (Present BBMP Khata No. 121/96/25), situated at Junnasandra village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 Sq. Feet and bounded on the: East by :Private Property, West by :30 feet road, North by :Site No 24, South by :Site No 26	**Rs.19,07,087.52 /-** (Nineteen Lakhs Seven Thousand Eighty Seven Rupees and Fifty Two Paise only) along with costs, expenses and future interest @13.95% p.a compounded with monthly rest **from 02/03/2019**	Doddakanahalli	**Symbolic Possession**	**Rs. 49,77,000/-**	**Rs. 4,97,700/-**	**Rs. 10,000.00**	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No.218, J P Royale, 1st Floor , Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H 9480961777/ 8553643144	Canara Bank , Doddakanahalli (R B D Layout Branch), Acc No.2757295000001, IFSC CODE: CNRB0002757
2.	**Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address: (1). M/s Sri Bhemas Garden,** No 648e,srinivasa Nilaya, Sarjapura Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035. **(2). C Trilokesh,** Proprietor Of M/s Sri Bhemas Garden, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035. **(3). Aruna (guarantor),** W/o Trilokesh, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart,opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore - 560035 **Description of property with boundaries:** All that piece and parcel of the converted residential vacant property bearing Site No. 17, in the layout called "SIMHAPURI TOWN SHIP" formed in Survey nos. 483 and 485, Old V.P. Katha No.557, New Katha No. 2864/557/17, converted as per conversion orders bearing Nos. BDS.ALN. SR.(A) 101/1995-96, dated 15.11.1995 and BDS.ALN.SR.(A) 45/1994-95, dated 02.11.1995, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2,400 Sq.Ft, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on : East by : Site No.11, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 16, South by : Site No. 18.	**Rs 60,86,256/-** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs eighty six thousand two hundred fifty six Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest @12.65% p.a compounded with monthly rest from 26/06/2019	Doddakanahalli	**Symbolic Possession**	**RS. 30,24,000/-**	**RS. 3,02,400/-**	**Rs. 10,000.00**	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No.218, J P Royale, 1st Floor , Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H 9480961777/ 8553643144	Canara Bank , Doddakanahalli (R B D Layout Branch), Acc No.2757295000001, IFSC CODE: CNRB0002757
3.	**Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address: (1). M/s Red Blooming Buds Floritech Private Limited,** Represented By Its Directors Sl. No(2,3 &4), No 648e,srinivasa Nilaya, Sarjapura Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore 560035. **(2). Smt. Aruna,** W/o Trilokesh, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore 560035. **(3). Mr. C Trilokesh,** D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore 560035. **(4). Mr.chaitan T,** S/o Trilokesh, D502, Purva White Hall, Next To Megamart, Opp. Motherhood, Sarjapur Main Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore 560035. **Description of property with boundaries:** (1). All that piece and parcel of the converted residential vacant property bearing Site No. 10, in the layout called "SIMHAPURI TOWN SHIP" formed in survey Nos. 483 and 485, Old V.P. Katha No.557, New Katha No. 2858/557/10, converted as per conversion orders bearing Nos. BDS.ALN.SR.(A) 101/1995-96, dated 15.11.1995 and BDS.ALN.SR. (A) 45/1994-95, dated 02.11.1995, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2,400 Sq.feet, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Site No 18, North by : Site No 11, South by : 40 feet Road. (2).All that piece and parcel of the converted residential vacant property bearing Site No. 11, in the layout called "SIMHAPURI TOWN SHIP" formed in survey Nos. 483 and 485, Old V.P. Katha No.557, New Katha No. 2859/557/11, converted as per conversion order bearing Nos. BDS.ALN.SR.(A) 101/1995-96, dated 15.11.1995 and BDS.ALN.SR. (A) 45/1994-95, dated 02.11.1995, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2,400 Sq.feet, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Site No 17, North by : Site No 12, South by : Site No.10.	**Rs.43,43,172.37/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and Thirty Seven Paise Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest @12.25% p.a compounded with monthly rest from 09/12/2019	Doddakanahalli	**Symbolic Possession**	**For Property No 1. RS. 33,48,000/- For Property No 2. RS. 30,24,000/-**	**For Property No 1: RS. 3,34,800/- For Property No 2: RS. 3,02,400/-**	**Rs. 10,000.00**	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No.218, J P Royale, 1st Floor , Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H 9480961777/ 8553643144	Canara Bank , Doddakanahalli (R B D Layout Branch), Acc No.2757295000001, IFSC CODE: CNRB0002757
4	**Name of Borrowers Guarantors with address:(1).M/s Sri Sai Depatmental Stores,** No.54/9,Hadu Siddapura ,Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram Post , Bangalore -560 035, Represented by its Proprietor -Mr. N Kiran, **(2). Mr. N Kiran** S/o Nataraja , **(3). Mr. Nataraja** S/o B Ramaiah, **(4). Mrs. Manjula** W/o Nataraja , Sl.No. 2 to 4 are residing at No.8 ,14th Block ,Nadisan Kiran, Adugodi ,Bangalore -560 030 **Description of property with boundaries:** All that Piece and parcel of immovable property No.28/51/76/34 ,32/2 ,Situated at Doddakannahalli Village ,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore, measuring East to West 25 ft. and North to South 15 ft. presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.150 , and bounded on : East by: Road, West by: Munivenkatappa's Property, North by: Private Property, South by: G Shamanna's Property.	**Rs.34,45,663.99** (Rupees Thirty Four Lacs Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and Paise Ninety Nine Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest @12.65% p.a compounded with monthly rest from 23/03/2019	Doddakanahalli	**Physical Possession**	**RS. 17,18,000/-**	**RS. 1,71,800/-**	**Rs. 10,000.00**	M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No.218, J P Royale, 1st Floor , Sampige Road, Malleswaram. Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H 9480961777/ 8553643144	Canara Bank , Doddakanahalli (R B D Layout Branch), Acc No.2757295000001, IFSC CODE: CNRB0002757

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Bank at the number given above.

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rail project, HS2, Britain formally began building on Friday. It will create 22,000 new jobs, Boris Johnson said

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Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	21	12	LC
Dubai	41	28	SNY	New York	26	17	SNY
Houston	32	23	SNY	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	26	18	LC	Toronto	22	11	SNY
London	18	9	LC	Washington	28	17	SNY

Indians are repulsive, turn me off: Nixon during Indira Gandhi summit

WASHINGTON

NEW declassified tapes White House tapes show the depth of racism and misogyny during the 1970s at the highest levels in the US against Indians and then-PM Indira Gandhi — expressed by none other than the infamous President Richard Nixon himself.

"Undoubtedly the most unattractive women in the world are the Indian women," Nixon said in June 1971 in an Oval Office conversation. "Undoubtedly," he repeated.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and US President Richard Nixon | PTI

The revelations are the result of Princeton professor Gary Boss obtaining unbleeped tapes from the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. The tapes were published in the opinion section of the *New York Times*.

Nixon continued: "The most sexless, nothing, these people. I mean, people say, what about the Black Africans? Well, you can see something, the vitality there, I mean they have a little animallike charm, but God, those Indians, ack, pathetic. Uch."

More disturbing is the implications of the impact such problematic views may have had on Nixon's policy towards India, which at that time defeated Pakistan in a war that saw the birth of Bangladesh.

The US had backed Pakistan, but the administration harboured prejudices against Pakistanis too. Henry Kissinger, then Nixon's national security adviser, said on 10 Aug 1971, "I tell you, the Pakistanis are fine people, but they are primitive in their mental structure. They just don't have the subtlety of the Indians."

Kissinger, who continues to be influential in the US political ecosystem, told Nixon on 17 June 1971 that Indians "are superb flatterers, Mr. President. They are masters at flattery. They are masters at subtle flattery. That's how they survived 600 years. They suck up — their great skill is to suck up to people in key positions."

On 4 Nov 1971, while Nixon was in the midst of a summit with PM Indira Gandhi, he ranted at Kissinger about his sexual prejudices against Indians. "To me, they turn me off. How the hell do they turn other people on, Henry? Tell me."

The Princeton academic Gary Boss says Nixon's sexual disgust may have influenced his foreign policy.

Nixon further said during that conversation: "They turn me off. They are repulsive and it's just easy to be tough with them."

EXPRESS READ

Berlusconi admitted to hospital: Report

Milan: Italy's flamboyant former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has been hospitalised, his aides said Friday, days after the media tycoon became the latest high-profile figure to contract the coronavirus. Berlusconi, 83, was taken to San Raffaele hospital in Milan on Thursday night after suffering "certain symptoms", his entourage said in a statement. But it said the move was just "a precaution" and there was "no cause for concern". The billionaire tested positive earlier this week after returning from a holiday at his luxury villa on Sardinia's jet-set Emerald Coast. The AGI news agency said Berlusconi was hospitalised in a room that he often occupies when staying at the facility. AGI said this indicates that his condition is not serious, or he would be in intensive care.

Mahathir may be kingmaker in next polls

KUALA LUMPUR

AT 95, former Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohamad isn't yet done with politics.

The veteran politician, who had returned to power in 2018 but lasted only 22 months, is not giving up the fight against what he said was a return of corrupt practices and a rollback of reforms under his successor, Muhyiddin Yassin.

In August, Mahathir formed the Pejuang (Fighters) party, months after his reformist government was ousted in a political coup and he was sacked from his own party.

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad | AP

He told The AP in an interview that Malaysia's governing coalition isn't likely to call for early elections due to political infighting and he foresees his new ethnic Malay party to be the powerbroker in the next polls.

"We will not form a government by ourselves ... we are the third party. We believe that we are not very big but we are big enough to play a middleman role in the country," the two-time prime minister said.

Mahathir said he believed that neither Muhyiddin's new coalition nor the opposition led by Anwar Ibrahim can obtain more than 50% of votes. If Pejuang can win just 30 seats, it can be the kingmaker and will then decide which side it will support, he said.

Mahathir quit in protest in late February after Muhyiddin pulled their Bersatu party out of the ruling alliance to form a Malay-centric government with the opposition. It included the party of ex-PM Najib Razak. *AP*

US President Trump disparaged troops, says report as vote begins

Dead US soldiers were losers and suckers, Donald allegedly said in 2018

WASHINGTON

THE US election is officially open: North Carolina on Friday launched vote-by-mail operations for the Nov 3 contest between President Donald Trump and Joe Biden, which is getting uglier by the day.

North Carolina was to begin mailing out more than 600,000 ballots, in response to a major spike in demand. Other key battleground states such as Wisconsin will follow in the coming weeks.

Trump defended himself Friday against accusations that he mocked American war dead as his Democratic rival, Joe Biden, intensified efforts to frame the election as a referendum on the president's character.

The allegations, sourced anonymously in *The Atlantic*, describe multiple offensive comments by the president toward fallen and captured US service-members, including calling World War I dead at an American military cemetery in France as "losers" and "suckers" in 2018. The reported comments, many of which were confirmed independently by the AP, are shining a fresh light on Trump's previous public disparaging of American troops and military families and opening a new political vulnerability for the president less than two months from Election Day.

"This is more made up Fake News given by disgusting & jealous failures in a disgraceful attempt to influence the 2020 Election!" Trump tweeted late Thursday, as aides mounted a concerted defense of the president, with Trump's campaign and allies taking to social media and broadcast interviews to denounce the report.

The president was alleged to have made the comments as he was set to visit the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery during a trip to France in Nov 2018. The White House said the visit was scrubbed because foggy weather made the helicopter trip from Paris too risky and the 90-minute drive deemed infeasible.

Excerpts from his campaign speeches in 2016, when he mocked late senator John McCain -- a prisoner of war for years in Vietnam -- also quickly returned to the fore.

Trump, who traveled to Pennsylvania on Thursday, told reporters after he returned to Washington that the *Atlantic* report was "a disgraceful situation" by a "terrible magazine."

With two months to go until Election Day, all eyes are turning to swing states. *Agencies*

Jobless rate drops to 8.4% but recovery slows

Guwahati/Kolkata: The US economy added 1.4 million jobs in August and the unemployment rate fell to 8.4 percent as the country emerged from pandemic lockdowns, but the data shows the recovery is losing steam. The drop in the unemployment rate from 10.2 percent in July as reported by the Labor Department on Friday was much more than expected and welcome news for President Donald Trump, who faces a tough fight for a second term in the November election in which the ailing economy is expected to be chief among voters' concerns. "Great Jobs Numbers!" he tweeted.

Give vaccine to hardest-hit countries first, say experts

WASHINGTON

AN international group of ethicists criticized the World Health Organization's goal of distributing coronavirus vaccines to treat 20 percent of each country's population, proposing instead what they said was a more equitable system of distribution.

In an article published in the journal *Science*, US professor Ezekiel Emanuel and more than a dozen experts from Britain, Canada, Australia, Norway and Singapore suggested giving priority to countries where outbreaks are the most serious.

The first task is "minimizing the number of premature deaths," Emanuel, chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, told AFP.

The group likewise refutes the idea that allocations of the vaccine should be in line with the number of medical workers or elderly people in a country, something that would automatically favor developed countries.

"Who has a lot of health care workers and who has a lot of elderly over 65? Rich countries," said Emanuel.

The experts' system, which they call a "Fair Priority Model," starts calculating the number of years that will be added in a given country by the delivery of a million vaccine doses.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF 2nd ADD CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
C.MISE. No. 59/2020

Petitioner : Sri.Siddalingappa.G S/o late Gangappa Aged about 46 years, R/at Bomashettahalli village, Dasanapura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, V/s
Respondent : The Tahsildar, Registrar of births and deaths Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas where as the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Births and deaths act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of petitioners grandmother by name Muniyamma W/o late Narasimaiah was died on 25.04.1990 at Bomashettahalli, Dasanapura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, The Hon'ble court has fixed on **16.09.2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before this Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11.00 am failing which will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble court and this the 01.09.2020.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala

Advocate for petitioner : **Sri. GURUPRASAD. R,** Advocate, 5th Cross, Ganesh rao layout, Nelamangala town Bangalore Rural district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **B. S. SATISH REDDY** S/o B. C. Srinivasa Reddy, aged about 46 years, R/at No.968, Janatha Colony, Bommasandra, Near Lakshmi Bar, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore 560099, I had lost the last page of the Original Property document Gift Deed dated 22.12.2004, bearing Document No.20585/2004-05, the same was registered in the office of the Registrar Anekal, when I was traveling in respect of Property No.269/91. I lodge a complaint in this aspect. Accordingly, I intended to lodge a complaint in the Bengaluru City Police, vide Lost Report bearing No.107767/2020, Dated: 03.09.2020. If anybody found the said the original Document please handover to the above said Address. Contact: 9986026063.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower	Discription of Property	Balance Outstanding	Auction Date
1	**Smt Pushpa Jaganath** W/o late K.S.Jaganahan No.137, 9th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram Bengaluru-560 003.	Property bearing No.10/2/6, situated at 1st Cross Road, Saraswathipuram, Nandhini Layout, Ward No.12, Bangalore, Residential Apartment bearing No.G-E, on the Ground Floor, "Maruthi Mansion", to be constracted in the "A" Schedule Property with the built up ares of 750 Sq.Ft., with undivided share measuring 351 Sq.Ft., (with Car Parking) **Reserve Price of Property: Rs. 18,95,625/- (10% is Rs.1,89,563/-)**	2,11,68,217/- + int. & other charges from 31.08.2020	**07.10.2020 Wednesday** at 11 am
2	**Sri K.Bhaskar** S/o late G.Kannaiah Naidu No.4, Swimmingpool Road Malleshwaram Bengaluru-560 003	Property bearing No.10/6-1, (old Site Nos.10 & 10/3), situated at 1st Cross Road, Saraswathipuram, Nandhini Layout, Ward No.12, Bangalore, Residential Apartment bearing No.G-D, on the Ground Floor, "Maruthi Mansion", to be constracted in the "A" Schedule Property with the built up ares of 800 Sq.Ft., with undivided share measuring 375 Sq.Ft., (with Car Parking) **Reserve Price of Property: Rs. 21,72,000/- (10% is Rs.2,17,200/-)**	2,30,17,151/- + int. & other charges from 31.08.2020	**07.10.2020 Wednesday** 11.30 am

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of the Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Benguluru-560018.
(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
(3) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the time of sale in cash/DD to the GMCB Ltd. and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale.
(4) The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour.
(5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
(6) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidder may contact the undersigned at the GMCB Ltd., or through Telephone, they are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the property. Balance of tax and others charges has to be bourned by purchaser.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.08.2020

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I, **SHUBHAM**, S/o Pradeep Kumar Sharma, R/o 616/2, 7th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli (East), Bengaluru - 560013 have changed my name from **SHUBHAM** to **SHUBHAM SHARMA** vide affidavit no. IN-KA12916012787552S dated 02.09.2020 at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) LALITHA, D/o Late Nb/Sub: JC-19199 M S Ranga rao, residing at No. 44, 3rd Cross, Ramanna Garden, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LALITHA** to **(NEW NAME) LALITHA MIRMIRA** vide affidavit dated 31/08/2020 sworn before Notary K.C.Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, C.KUMARA SWAMY, F/o 13622518L HAV K.Samu, residing at Nagapali Vilai, Mamoodu, Kulasekharam (PO), Kanya Kumari (District), Tamil Nadu-629161, have changed my name from **V.KUMARA SWAMY** to **C. KUMARA SWAMY** vide affidavit Dated 04/09/2020 sworn before Notary G.R.Bhavani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(Old Name) Satish Desai,** S/o Madhu Bahaddurdesai, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 001, Nishita Orchid, 17TH 'D' Main Road, 13th Cross, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore- 560 078. Shall Henceforth be known as **(New Name) Satish Madhu Bahaddurdesai,** vide affidavit dated: 04/09/2020 before Notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SNEHA K BHANDARI, W/o Gaurav Kumar B, residing at Flat No. 202, No. 3, Comfort Castle, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SNEHA JAIN** vide affidavit Dated 04/09/2020 sworn before Notary T.C.Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) RICHARD JOLLIFFE, Residing at No. 322, 4th Cross, 3rd C Main, OMBR Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **RICHARD JOLLIFFE** to **RICHARD AGNELO JOLLIFFE** vide affidavit Dated 10/06/2020 sworn before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATHIK JAIIN**, S/o. Vijay Kumar Jain, aged about 26 years, residing at #52, Dadam Kunj, 8th Cross, Magadi Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 079, have changed my name from **V. PRATEEK KUMAR JAIN** to **PRATHIK JAIIN.** Vide affidavit dated 02-9-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Manjula Jangam, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) GAURAV ARVIND KUMAR CHOKSHI, Residing at No. JF 273, Neela Apartments, Near Gold Coin Club, E City Post, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GAURAV ARVIND KUMAR CHOKSHI** to **(NEW NAME) RISHI ARVIND KUMAR CHOKSHI** vide affidavit Dated 4/9/20 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Syed Ruksana Bulquees** (old name) aged about 55 Years, R/at No. 905, 1st Block, 6th Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore - 560 098 , have changed my name as **SYEDA RUKSANA BULQUEES** (New name) vide affidavit dated 03.09.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary R. Basavaraja, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, C.SHYNI MOL, W/o 13622518L HAV K.Samu, residing at Nagapali Vilai, Mamoodu, Kulasekharam (PO), Kanya Kumari (District), Tamil Nadu-629161, have changed my name from **SHYNI MOL** to **C.SHYNI MOL** vide affidavit Dated 04/09/2020 sworn before Notary G.R.Bhavani, Bangalore.

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Market Watch

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633.76 ▼	Sensex	38,357.18	₹20 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,040	₹1,450 ▲	Per kg	₹67,050	▼ Dollar		73.14
193.6 ▼	Nifty	11,333.85	₹20 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,954	₹1.45 ▲	Per gm	₹67.05	▼ Euro		86.82

'Take nuanced approach to transfers'

The economic advisory panel has also flagged concerns over the Centre's mounting debt

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THE economic advisory committee, has suggested the fifteenth finance Commision, to take nuanced approach towards tax devolution to the states, given the uncertainty over revenue collection.

"The Finance Commission is faced with an unprecedented situation of uncertainties and will have to take a nuanced approach towards tax devolution to the States, other transfers, financing of expenditures in the midst of revenue strains including through borrowings and the path of fiscal consolidation, " FFC said in a statement after meeting with its advisory council on Friday. However, sources present in meeting said that there was no consensus over the issue of compensation to the states in the current fiscal. The Commission took note of all the suggestions discussed.

The Members of the Council also felt that the Commission will have to think unconventionally, especially in treating the five years at hand from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

"They advised that the base year 2020-21 and the first year of 2021-22 may need to be viewed differently from the remaining four years when the revenue situation is likely to improve gradually," it added.

The Advisory Council also flagged their concern on mounting debt. "The general government debt relative to GDP is likely to increase steeply in the initial years, however, the purpose should be to endeavour to bring it down in the subsequent years. In the initial years, this ratio will be affected by the increased revenue-expenditure imbalance on the numerator and the downward pressure on GDP on the numerator, " the council noted. The meeting, chaired by NK Singh, was attended by all members of the Finance Commission and other officials. Another meeting with a separate set of experts is scheduled on Saturday.

Industry pushed back by ten years, says SIAM

The auto sector performed its best in FY 2018-19. Given that a demand stimulus is provided, the industry will reach the FY19 levels by FY24, said Rajan Wadhera, President, SIAM. Sales in the first quarter of the current financial year fell over 75 per cent to 6,084,478 units.

Govt looking at GST rate cut for automobile sector

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THE government is looking into the crisis-hit automobile industries' recommendation on reduction in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates by 10 per cent, said Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises minister Prakash Javadekar.

"We are in discussion with finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on GST and an announcement will be made soon," Javadekar said while speaking at the 60th Annual Convention of industry body Siam on Friday. At present, two-wheelers and small cars attract GST of 28 per cent. The industry wants it to be brought down to 18 per cent.

Hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, India's automobile industry is going through its toughest period. Auto sales in the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY21) fell over 75 per cent year on year to 6,084,478 units. While the industry witnessed a partial recovery in August, many experts believe negative economic growth and higher unemployment rate will erase the initial gains.

Javadekar also added that the government will also make an announcement on the long pending scrappage policy soon.

According to Rajan Wadhera, President, SIAM, the auto industry has been pushed back by 10 years. "The sector performed its best in FY 2018-19. If right demand stimulus is provided, we will reach the FY19 levels by FY24," he said. The auto industry, he added, is not ready for further regulations, planned for 2020-23, as these would require more investments which isn't feasible now due to the pandemic.

Kenichi Ayukawa, MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India said that cut in GST rate and an incentive-linked scrappage policy are the need of the hour to revive the Indian automobile industry which has been battling declining sales for the last two years.

IDFC BANK

Rajiv Lall steps down as non exec chairman

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PRIVATE sector lender IDFC First Bank on Friday said its non-executive chairman Rajiv B. Lall has resigned from the post with immediate effect.

Lall has cited that he has been dealing with his prolonged personal health issues for a while now, the bank said.

In his communication to the bank, he has said in view of his prolonged health issues the Bank had thought through a succession plan for the position.

Lall is a veteran banker and served as the founder managing director and chief executive officer of IDFC First Bank from October 1, 2015, till December 18, 2018, before being appointed as non-executive chairman of the bank.

Prior to joining IDFC, Lall served as a partner with Warburg Pincus in New York, head of Asian Economic Research with Morgan Stanley in Hong Kong, a senior staff member of the World Bank in Washington and that of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. He has also served on numerous committees of the government and the Reserve Bank of India, such as the Raghuram Rajan Committee on Financial Sector Reforms, the High-Powered Expert Committee for Urban Infrastructure and Committee on Modernisation of Railways.

AGM

ITC gears up for next normal to beat crisis

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FMCG major ITC Ltd expects consumer spending to shrink in the ongoing financial year as the economic disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic dent livelihoods across India. The pandemic poses multi-dimensional challenges for the ecomony in the short term and companies will have to gear up for 'next normal' and reimagine the future as corporates brace to manage the crisis, said Sanjiv Puri, Chairman, ITC Ltd at 109th Annual General Meeting.

"Disruptive Black Swan events of the kind we are facing now, not only test resilience and adaptive capacity but can also unleash forces of innovation and creativity to shape a more sustainable and inclusive future," he said, further pointing out that reimagining the future will encompass 3 distinct phases that will co-exist in the journey ahead.

"First, a 'Survival' phase as corporates brace to manage the current crisis. Second, a 'Reboot' phase as businesses align to the new normal with certain segments experiencing demand destruction, some new trends emerging whilst several pre-crisis trends gain accelerated pace," Puri said.

Third, as the crisis ebbs, corporates will have to gear up for the 'next normal' with some trends moderating, some remaining at an elevated level, certain segments witnessing recovery, whilst new opportunities and industry dynamics get constantly redefined," he added. The future will be led by constant innovation.

Centre bans creation of new posts in ministries as part of austerity drive

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AMID record contraction of economy and steep fall in revenue collection, the Centre further intensified its austerity drive and has banned the creation of new posts in the government, and asked ministries to reduce number of consultants, with immediate effect.

"There will be a ban on creation of new posts, except with the approval of the department of expenditure, in the ministries/departments, attached offices, subordinate offices, statutory bodies and autonomous bodies," accoring to an office memorandum issued by the department of expenditure.

Reduction in consultants

The centre also asked ministries to initiate review of the individual consultants appointed by them and reduce their number to the minimum while fixing the fee of consultants.

The order will come into force with immediate effect.

It specified that any posts created after July 1, without the approval of the expenditure department will remain vacant if they haven't yet been filled, the memorandum stated. It also underlined that this ban will cover "all creation of posts under powers which have been delegated to any organization regardless of the source of such authority or power".

The ministry directed that no printing or publishing of books and documents will be done on imported paper, except where it is done abroad by Indian Missions. This translates into loss of government jobs, which are contractual in nature. For instance curtail expenditure on contract works is likely to result in retrenchment of around 20,000 workers engaged with state run BSNL through contractors, according to BSNL Employees' Union. Other expenses like expenditure on functions such as foundation day should be avoided, it said.

VIL board approves fundraising up to ₹25K cr

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CASH-STRAPPED telecom operator Vodafone Idea on Friday approved plan to raise up to ₹25,000 crore through a combination of equity and debt instruments to keep the company afloat, it said in a stock exchange filing. The crucial decision came days after the Supreme Court directed telecom operators to pay 10 per cent of total adjusted gross revenue (AGR)-related dues this year, and rest of the payments in ten instalments, starting next fiscal.

The company is looking to raise funds, in one or more tranches, via issuance of Global Depository Receipts (GDRs), American Depository Receipts (ADRs), foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs), convertible debentures and warrants.

The board has decided to raise up to ₹15,000 crore via equity and another tranche of ₹15,000 crore by way of public offering or private placement of non-convertible debentures. It has, however, capped the total fundraising at ₹25,000 crore.

The proposal will be taken up for consideration at the company's annual general meeting (AGM) on September 30, the company said.

For VIL, the problem is cash and this move is will throw a lifeline to the beleaguered firm, which has suffered massive losses, as it has been losing subscribers and average revenue per user (ARPU), and faces outstanding AGR dues of about ₹50,000 crore. In the financial year ended March 2020, the company had reported a staggering ₹73,878 crore of net loss — the highest ever by any Indian firm, after it provisioned for Supreme Court mandated statutory dues.

It reported a net loss of ₹25,460 crore for the June quarter after making additional provisions to pay past statutory dues and had said its ability to continue as going concern hinges on the Supreme Court allowing more time to pay dues.

The fund infusion is also critical for VIL, the third largest operator in the fiercely-competitive telecom market, where Jio's entry in 2016 with free calls and cheap data pushed some rivals to exit, acquire, or merge to stay afloat.

Financial woes

VIL has been under severe financial pressure. Notably, Vodafone Idea's overall AGR dues at over ₹58,000 crore, of which the company has paid ₹7,854 crore to the Department of Telecom so far.

EXPRESS READ

DGFT makes changes in norms for finished leather

New Delhi: The commerce ministry on Friday made certain amendments in the norms for finished leather with a view to push its exports. The ministry's arm Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a notification said that the move was required "in the light of several changes that have taken place in the past 7-8 years in the tanning technology and new types of finished leathers being produced now". An industry expert said that the notification will help in boosting exports of finished leather. Earlier there were certain conditions which an exporter has to comply for exporting finished leather.

States' ranking to be released on Saturday

New Delhi: The commerce and industry ministry will on Saturday release the ranking of states and union territories (UTs) in terms of ease of doing business. "Steps towards easing the business environment in India: Will release ranking of states based on implementation of business reform action plan tomorrow," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal tweeted. The exercise is aimed at triggering competition among states to improve business.

'Chances of raising funds via QIP is 50:50'

New Delhi: IndiGo's chief executive Ronojoy Dutta on Friday said that raising funds via qualified institutions placement (QIP) process at present has only a 50 per cent chance of being implemented as the company currently prefers to raise money through increased sales of tickets. The board of directors of InterGlobe Aviation Limited had last month approved raising up to ₹4,000 crore through a QIP. He was addressing the shareholders of the airline at the 17th AGM.

Moody's downgrades deposit ratings of 5 public sector banks

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@ New Delhi

MOODY's Investors Service on Friday downgraded the long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings of Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Canara Bank and Union Bank of India to Ba1 from Baa3.

The ratings agency also downgraded Baseline Credit Assessments (BCAs) of all the four lenders to B1 from Ba3.

The outlook on the ratings of the four banks is negative.

It affirmed Punjab National Bank's (PNB) long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings at Ba1 and its BCA at B1 but changed its ratings outlook to negative from stable.

Deepening economic slowdown exacerbated by the coronavirus outbreak will strain the standalone credit strength of the banks. Prolonged financial stress among households, weak job creation and a credit crunch among non-bank financial firms will lead to a rise in non-performing loans, it said.

Amul to host 24-hrs live cooking session

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DAIRY major Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), popularly known as Amul, will be organising 24-hour cooking show on September 5, to celebrate Teachers' Day.

The 24-hour cook-a-thon will be launched by the President of World Association of Chefs Society, Chef Thomas Gugler at 2PM on Saturday and culminate with a session by MichelinStar Chef Suvir Saranat at 2PM on Sunday.

Viewers will get a chance to learn the skills of making simple home made recipes from chefs hailing from over 26 cities across 4 countries.

Amul has been organizing 8-12 sessions of Facebook Live Cooking daily as part of its #SimpleHomeMadeRecipescampaign from April 17, 2020 to connect chefs from hotels and restaurants with their consumers at home. Over 1,200 Live Cooking sessions were conducted in the last 140 days by over 2,500 chefs, the company said in a release. During the 24-hour Show, more than 1,500 viewers stand a chance to gift a Amul chocolate to their favorite teacher on this special occassion.

Muse Wearables unveils AI-powered wellness smart band at ₹3,599

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MUSE Wearables, an IIT Madras incubated technology start-up on Friday unveiled artificial intelligence-powered personal wellness smart band 'Muse Cue', which can alert users in advance of the onset of Covid-19 symptoms.

It can detect silent hypoxia at an early stage and has an Intelligent 'cough analysis' tool which helps in prediction of Covid-19 symptoms and also enable digital consultations with specialists based on the symptoms. The band is available at an introductory price of ₹3,599 till September 20.

"Based on the vitals of the user, the Muse App triggers the alert to take a 'cough analysis' and within 30 seconds, it predicts the health risk. Continuous tracking also helps monitor the progression of Covid-19 from the pre-symptom stage, through symptom stage until the recovery stage," said Sai Prasanth, co-founder of Muse Wearables.

The company sells the world's first payment-enabled hybrid smart watches across 70 countries with its wearable payments service live in 29 countries. The smart band can detect in advance of one to three days before the onset of COVID-19 symptoms like high body temperature or low oxygen alerting the users, he said.

Continuously monitoring of the body vitals whether the user is awake or asleep, and then it concludes on the Baseline values of their body.

The AI system in Muse Tracker learns from these baseline values to gain an understanding of the body patterns and provides concrete alerts during discrepancies.

DIGITAL BOOM

Paytm trims losses by 40%, eyes profitability by 2022

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

DIGITAL payments major, Paytm on Friday said it has cut its losses by nearly 40 per cent to ₹2,597 crore in FY20 and its revenues for the fiscal increased to ₹3,629 crore.

Company's losses had mounted as much as 125 per cent to ₹3,960 crore in FY19. In FY20, the home-grown Paytm also raised $1 billion in a Series G funding round led by US asset management firm, T. Rowe Price, China's Ant Financial and SoftBank's Vision Fund. The company said that it is aiming to achieve profitability by 2022.

Aims to tap unserved rural financial sector

Paytm's CEO has also his eyes set on tapping the rural financial sector in the country, which is largely unorganised. Last month, the company also launched its online stock brrokerage services.

Paytm CEO, Vijay Shekhar Sharma earlier said that the company's focus will be now on expansion of its financial services beyond digital payments and e-commerce to target digital lending, insurance and wealth management. The payments firm also roped in millions of small merchants across the country by launching its Point of Sale (PoS) device for enabling offline payments across the mom and pop stores in India.

Google Pay and Walmart backed PhonePe have also diversified their financial services offerings and were able to edge out Paytm in the UPI transactions over last few fiscals with 80 per cent of the market share, however the latest report by consulting firm, Redseer indicated that Paytm alone has 50 per cent share in the merchant payments category.

Paytm said its presence in tier 1 and 2 cities has grown rapidly and has now 17 million merchants on the platform. Since the launch of its POS device, it claims at least 2 lakh units have already been sold.

"We are on the path to empowering millions of Indians with digital financial services that would play a key role in building Atmanirbhar Bharat. We are also investing heavily in building digital services for our merchant partners so that they can benefit from technology and financial inclusion. chants," Madhur Deora, President - Paytm, said in a statement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Sale Deed** dated. 17/07/1991, registered as document No.2131/1991-92, Book-I, registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore **property belonging into Mrs. Deepa** wife of Mr. Anbalagan **in respect of** immovable Property bearing **Site 66,** Old HASB Katha No.184/3, **Present BBMP Katha No.786/184/3/66,** situated at **Kaggadasapura Village,** K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Now comes under the jurisdiction of **BBMP, measuring East to West 40 feet and North South 60 feet totally measuring 2400 Sq.feet,** and bounded by; East: Property No.65, West: Property No.67, North: Property No.74, South :Road. The above said original sale deed has been **lost**. If any body find the same please kindly return the document to the below address:

S. MURTHY,
SURIYA LAW ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, No.303, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya, Old Madras Road, Bangalore560093, Mob- 9845087191.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase all that piece and parcel of **Site No.5DM 231, Present BBMP Katha No.5DM-231, PID No.89-398-5DM-231,** situated at 2nd Block, H.R.B.R Layout, Kalyananagar, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 12.20 meters and North to South 9.15 Mtrs, totally measuring 111.63 Square Meters, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the **East by** : 5th D Main Road; **West by** : Site No.5CM 232; **North by** : Site No.5DM 233; **South by** : Site No.5DM 229;

From its owner **Mr. SRIDHAR. H.G** S/o.Sri. H.H. Gangadhara Rao. Persons/Financial Institutions/ Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from this date of publication to the undersigned.

R. Santhosh Kumar Associates, Advocates, Flat No.406, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.
Mobile No.08041718108/ 7483148016.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intended to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner Mrs. Mary Magdhalene Rego, residing at #812, Maria Villa, 7th B Cross, Shastri Nagar, Bangalore - 560028. It is represented by present owner that she has a clear and marketable title to the schedule property. Any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property and or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and / or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within ten (10) days hereof, failing which it will presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP PID No.96-163-5, New No.5, situated at 10th Cross, Manarayanapalya, Bangalore (old No. House list 8, Manarayanapalya Village, Cholanayakanahalli Dhakale, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet in total measuring 1350 square feet. Bounded by
East: House No.9, West: House No.7, North: Private property and South : Road.

Dr. Edward D'Souza, Advocate,
#1, Nagendra Arcade, Hosur Main Road, Madivala Post, Bangalore-560068.

Government of Karnataka

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare, Bangalore Rural District. No. 217, 2nd Floor, DC Office, Beerasandra Village, Devanahalli Taluk. Phone: , 9480843020, E-mail: dswoblorerural@gmail.com

Indent No: DD/SWD/BR/CR-01/2019-20/CALL-2

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Office of the Deputy Director, Assistant Director's, District Tribal Welfare Office Pre Metric and Post Metric Hostel which are under the purview of the Department of Social Welfare & Scheduled Tribe Department & Residential Schools & Colleges working in Bangalore Rural District, requires Data Entry Operator, Typists, Vehicle Drivers, Jawans, Cooks, Cooking Assistants, Watchman, Nurses, FDA, SDA & Cleaning Staff. The Tender Notice has been issued for e-procurement for the Year 2020-21 through the agency to provide Man power Service.

The tender must be submitted within 05.10.2020 by 5.00 pm. For more information contact Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare, Bangalore Rural District, Room Number: 217, 2nd Floor, Beerasandra Village, Devanahalli Taluk. Telephone Number: 080-29787447 can be obtained here and on the e-Procurement website. **DD/SWD/BR/CR-01/2019-20/CALL-2**

Sd/-
Chairman, District Tender Committee, and District Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District.

DIPR/DDO/B-Rural/SSC/165/2020-21

BANGALORE-MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No.5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Tel:080 22341230/35, Email: bmicapa@gmail.com

No.BMICAPA/CLU-02/30/2019-20/589 Date: 04.09.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Bhairappa.R S/o Rangappa has applied to Bangalore - Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority seeking Change of land use from Agriculture to Residential purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining to land in Sy.No: 281/2 of extent 01Acre-36Guntas (Including 0Acre-16Guntas 'A' Kharab) situated at Kodiyalakarenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use is in the interest of public by quoting the following: **1.** If this land is developed and layout formed, sites will be available at reasonable rates to middle income group and Economically weaker section. **2.** At the time of carving and designing the Layout there will be job opportunities to labours. **3.** If this land is developed, then the surrounding area will also get developed. **4.** If the planned development takes place good road, Civic amenity sites and parks etc., will be available for General Public. Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this Public Notice within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
BMICAPA, Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/KC/1021/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated for the purchase of the Schedule property from its owners **1) Mrs. Gogga Jaganmatha,** Wife of Late. Gogga Sharabaiah, **2) Gogga Siddalingswami,** son of Late. Gogga Sharabaiah, both are residing at, No.323, Near Shankari Kalyana Mantapa, N.C. Colony, Hospet, Bellary-583 201, **3). Mr. Gogga Vishwanathaswamy,** Son of late Gogga Sharabaiah, Residing at, No.287, Near Deepayan School, N.C. Colony, Hospet, Bellary-583 201, **4) Mrs. Mangala Prakash Deo,** wife of Prakash Deo, Residing at, No.25/7, Emrold Park, S B I Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560 079, **5) Mrs. Vageeshwari G Choukimath,** wife of Gurukumar Choukimath, Residing at, No.104, Navami Shankar, 5th Cross, Opp BSN: Office, HBCS Layout, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru–560079, for valuable consideration. Any Person/s, firm/s, institution/s etc., claiming to have any right, title and interest in the Schedule property or having any claims/objections of whatsoever nature, to the proposed sale of Schedule property in favor of our client, are required to lodge/intimate their claims/objections with documentary evidence in support thereof to the undersigned ***within 10 days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client shall proceed with the purchase of Schedule property without any reference to any such claim and the same if any shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing Number 101, BBMP PID No.16-60-101, situated at, Bhima Jyothi HBCS, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, LIC Colony, Basweshwarnagar, Kamalanagar Ward, Bangalore – 560 079, measuring **East to West 92 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 3680 square feet** consisting of Basement, Ground, First, Second and Third floor RCC building with built up area of 15940 square feet bounded on:

East by : Road, **West by** : Property of Sri.Sathyanarayana,
North by : Property bearing Number 100, **South by** : BDA CA Property.

Sd/-

S.V.H. LAW ASSOCIATES,
Advocates & Legal consultants,
No.201, 2nd Floor, Brigade Links, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru –560 020.
Mob: 9980565989 / 9448615561

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank | सिंडिकेट Syndicate

ARM-1 BRANCH
No.86, Spencer's Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Ph: 080-25588642

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1 (Earlier Devanahalli Branch), Bengaluru** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 08.10.2020 (10.00 AM to 10.30 AM), for recovery of Rs. 70,30,30,081/- (Rupees Seventy Crore Thirty Lakhs Thirty thousand Eighty One Only)** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Sreedevi Infraconstructions Pvt Ltd.,** a Private Limited Company represented by its **Managing Director: Smt Sreedevi B.T, W/o Sri Ravishankar** at No 1139/B, 10th Main RMV Extension Bengaluru-560080; **2. Smt Sreedevi B.T, W/o Sri Ravishankar, 3. Sri Ravishankar TS, S/o T.L.Sanganna** both 2 & 3 residing at Flat No. 101, Orchid Block Esteem Gardenia Shankaranagar Bengaluru-560092.
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on **or before 06.10.2020 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.2366295000004 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value at the Bid
1	All the piece of land in Sy.No.220/1 (Old No.220), measuring 0.38 Guntas, situated at Devenahalli Village, Kasab Hobli, Devenahalli, **bounded by: East:** Puttappannagudi Beedhim & Houses of Kamaraj, **West:** Land of Vendor, North Land of Gopalkrishna, **South:** Houses of Munishamappa, Muniyappa, Narayanaswamy & Others	780.00	78.00	1.00
2	All the piece of land in Sy.No.39/2 measuring 1.20 Acre, situated at Binnamangala Village, Kasab Hobli, Devenahalli, Benaluru Rural Dist. **Bounded by: East:** Binnamnagaldavara Land, **West:** Land of Rotti Ramanna, **North:** Land of Radhamma, **South:** Land of G.Nagarathanamma	144.00	14.40	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided **in Canara Bank's** website (**www.canarabank.com**) or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 03.09.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
CANARA BANK

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is herewith brought to the notice of the general public that my client Smt. Asha Rani C, Wife of Sri. Jagdish Srinivasa, aged about 31 years, presently r/at DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES is the absolute owner of the schedule property No.1073, situated at 9th Main, 7th Block, 2nd Phase, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore and till today my client has not given any type of authority to any one to deal with the schedule property and no person shall deal with any one in respect of the schedule property and inspite of the same if any person deal with any one in respect of the schedule property the same will be done on their own risk and my client is not responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Number 1073 situated at 9th Main, 7th Block, 2nd Phase, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore City having PID No.55-747-1073 and measuring East to West 9.14 Meters & North to South 7.62 Meters totally measuring 69.64 Square Meters together with residential construction consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor & Second Floor and bounded as follows:

East by: Site Number 1063,
West by: Road,
North by: Site Number 1074,
South by: Site Number 1072.

Sd/-

S.N. MADHU, ***Advocate,***
No.94/1A, 2nd A Cross, 3rd Phase, 6th Block, 3rd Stage, BSK., Kathriguppe, Near Ayappa Temple, Bangalore - 560 085
Place: Bangalore Date: 04.09.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instruction from my client Sri. Ashish Abraham, S/o K.L. Abraham, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 8-2-311/A/A, Mithilanagar, Road No.10, Banjara Hills, HYDERABAD - 500034, Telangana. We issue this public notice as under

My above client has entered into an contract with one by name Sri. Ramesh and others to purchase the Suit Schedule Properties, where Sri. Ramesh is said to be the absolute owner in possession of the Item No.1 of the Schedule Property and one Sri. Ramakrishna Rao and his family members are said to be the absolute owners in possession and enjoying the right title interest in and over the Item No.2 of Schedule Property and they have agreed to alienate the respective Schedule Properties to our client above. Hence, this notice of intimation to general public.

Any objections/claims If any to the proposed transaction of Sale or regarding the lost/misplaced in respect of Schedule Property may be lodged with the undersigned **Seven days** from hereof, failing which my client shall finalise the transaction on the basis of certified copies. Objections received beyond the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. I : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No.373, earlier 14 measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas, Situated at Horalagalu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk. Ramanagara District and bounded on the East by : Property belonging to H.M. Ramesh (Sy. No. 347), West by : Property belonging to Forest, North by : Property belonging to Rajini (Sy. No.372), South by : Property belonging to Savithri Bai (Sy. No.374) & Rajini (Sy. No.375).

Item No.II : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No.281/4, earlier 14 (Block 6) measuring 1 Acre 01.08 Guntas, Situated at Horalagalu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk. Ramanagara District and bounded on the East by : Property belonging to Ramakrishna Rao, West by : Government Land, North by : Property belonging to Mohan Rao, South by : Property belonging to H.M. Ramesh & Rajini.

H.V. PRAVEEN GOWDA
Advocate, No.10, 2nd floor, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shantinagar Bengaluru-560027.
Ph: 9902409796, 8885552255

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SMT. LAKSHMI. M** W/o Sri. Rajagopala, Aged about 38 years, Residing at : #10, 2nd Main Road, IAF Post, Near Nitish Central Park, Vinayakanagara, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore-560063, intends to purchase the schedule properties from the following persons :-

SRI. Y. ADARSHA @ ADARSHA YELLAPPA, Aged about 38 years, S/o. K. Yellappa, Residing at: No. 519, 6th Main Road, 4th E Cross, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Banasavadi, Bangalore-560097.

Any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any, nature or any lien / charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule properties has any objection of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim/ objection in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **15 days** thereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claim/s or objections subsists and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above said person/s thereof subject to compliance of statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural Land bearing **Sy. No.39, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre of land, situated at: Ramaganahalli Village, Somenaballi Hobli, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapura District,** and bounded on the:-
East by : Land bearing Sy No.38/2,
West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 41/2,
North by : Road,
South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 41/A

A. MURTHY
Advocate, No.1, 5th Main, Bagalur Road, Opp. Big Market & ICIC1 Bank, Vinayaka nagar, IAF Post, Bangalore-560064.
Mobile: 9620511295.
Date : 04.09.2020, Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I

No. 4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangala Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 19 of 2018

Between :
M/s. Corporation Bank
Kengeri, Bangalore ...Applicant
AND
Sri. R.Ramesh ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To Defendants:
Sri.R.Ramesh S/o Late Ramanna, Aged about 38 years, Proprietor, Prarthana Enterprises, No.40/4, 10, Devraj Urs Road, Nagadevanahlli, 80 Feet Ringh Road, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore-560056.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.19,45,789/-** Inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest.

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocated or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **28.12.2020 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the **Date: 27.08.2020** at Bangalore.

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal - I
Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I

No. 4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangala Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 1313 of 2017

Between :
M/s. Corporation Bank
Kengeri, Bangalore ...Applicant
AND
Sri. R.Srikantha and Another
...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To Defendants:
1. Sri. R.Srikantha, S/o Sri. A V M Chetty, Aged about 38 years, Proprietor, S L V Interior Decoration, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore-560056
2. Sri. Sanku Sankaranarayana, S/o Sri. Ashwathnarayana, Age: Major, Residing at Kotha Kota Village & Post, Kothakota Mandal, Chittor District.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.68,18,588/-** Inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest.

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocated or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **28.12.2020 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the **Date: 27.08.2020** at Bangalore.

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal - I
Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I

No. 4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangala Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 116 of 2019

Between :
M/s. Corporation Bank
Kengeri, Bangalore ...Applicant
AND
Sri. Gopalakrishna ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To Defendants:
Sri.G.Gopalakrishna, S/o Sri. Ganapathi, Aged about 46 years, Proprietor, Braahmana Upahaara, No.6, Jnanabharathi Road, Mariyappana Palya, Jananabharathi Post, Bangalore-560056.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.12,09,599/-** Inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest.

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocated or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **20.10.2020 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the **Date: 17.08.2020** at Bangalore.

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal - I
Bangalore.

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› SAM LEVENSON

QuoteExpress **BE KIND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE** › DALAI LAMA

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, MPED-C, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02.

No.EE/MPED-C/283/2020-21 Date: 04-09-2020

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Extension Term Tender notification No. E.E.(MPED-C) TEND/09/2020-21 Dt: 20-08-2020-reg.

The tender notification appeared under even number, due to Technical problem, the calendar of events have been extended & may be read as under:

(1). Last date for receipt of Tenders is **08-09-2020 up to 4:00 p.m. (2).** Opening of Tenders **10-09-2020, 4:30 p.m. onwards (3).** Downloading of tender document from: **05-09-2020.** All other terms & conditions of the original tender **dated: 20-08-2020** is remains un-altered.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, (MPED-Central) BBMP.

"Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, e-Tender Notice

Tender No: T No.20 to 27/2020-21/SE/Q. Providing functional House hold tap connections and providing pipe line extensions, in Ezhukone, Perayam, Kunnathoor, Chadayamangalam, Velinellor, Kadakkal and Providing functional House hold tap connections and providing pipe line extensions, construction of tube well, supply and installation of pump sets in Kulasekharapuram, Thazhava, Grama Panchayath in Kollam District. EMD : Rs. 50000 to 100000. Tender fee : Rs. 5000+900 to 7500+1350 (18% GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender : 22-09-2020 02:00:pm. Phone : 0474 2745293. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-291-2020-21 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kollam

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Distribution Central - Ernakulam

E-Tender ID : 2020_ KSEB_378941_1 * Supply of HT Stay tightner 25700 sets * PAC: Rs.84,81,000/- * Last Date : 15-09-2020

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.kseb.in
Ref: PR/MC1/D140/E-Tender/2020

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KCRH/K2WO3/450 Date: 04.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

Name of work: Maintenance of drains and culverts at Kadra Colony for the year 2020-21. e-Procurement Indent No. (for detailed information): KPCL/ 2020-21/BR/WORK_INDENT10368. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4.80 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 12,000/-.** Eligible class of contractor: **KPC Regd. Class-IV and above.** Last date & time for receipt of tender: **05.10.2020, 17:00:00.** Eligible category to apply for tender: **Others.** Interested bidders shall visit website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for competing in bids. Further details if any required can be availed from the Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), Kadra Colony and RH Division, KPCL, Kadra-581396, Uttara Kannada Dist., during office hours. Ph: 08382-256333.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(GERUSOPPA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK/INDENT 10295/CALL-2 Dated:03.09.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement portal)

Bids in two covers are invited through "e" Procurement Portal (Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for the **work of "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 02 No. of New 1.5 TR Split AC unit to office complex of Gerusoppa Project"** from reputed/qualified bidders/Regular Manufacturer/ Authorised Agency with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works including Supply of necessary materials to reputed Organisations/ Company/ Hydro Generating Stations/ Power Plants. Brief Bid Notification as well as tender documents can also be seen on **Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD: Rs.3.250/-.** Tender processing fee is as per e-Procurement Portal. Last date and time for Pre-Bid queries: 08.09.2020 upto 17:00 hrs. Last date & Time for Online submission of Tenders: 11.09.2020 upto 16:00 hrs. Date & Time of opening the Technical Bid (Part-I): 14.09.2020 at 16:30 hrs. Date & Time of opening the Financial Bid (Part-II): 15.09.2020 at 11:00 hrs. Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer (MM)GP, KPCL,** Gerusoppa - 581384. Honavar Tq., U.K. Dist. Tel: 08387 - 268311. Fax: 08387 - 268350. Mobile: 94495 98828. Email: eeegp2.kpcl@gmail.com / eemmgpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in **Website:** www.karnatakapower.com Contact HP Helpdesk: 080-22485867 / 080-22485927.

UJVN Limited

H .O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone : 0135-2763808; Fax : 0135- 2763508
CIN NO. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

RO. No. 526 Dated: 03.09.2020

Date Extension Notice/Re-invitation of Bid

In reference to e-bid notice no: NCB/04/EE(Civil)/MB-I/Maneri/ 2020-21 for execution of "Renovation of control room, field hostel and officer transit camp including repair of roads at Maneri Dam site of MB-I HEP, Maneri, (Uttarkashi)." the date of submission of bid has extended upto 16-09-2020. The bid document bearing same number has been again uploaded on e-portal http://uktender.gov.in. The bidders are required to submit/upload the bid afresh. Other terms & conditions of bid shall remain same.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (Civil) MB-I Maneri

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AE-1/20-21/4503 Date : 03/09/2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids against ENQUIRY NO: KPTCL/TZM/CEE/ SEE(O)/AE-1/SEG-299/2020-21 dated 27.08.2020 for "Providing Security Services to the offices of the Chief Engineer(Electy), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Mysuru and various offices and receiving stations coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Zone, Mysuru".

The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode only. The interested bidder can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-procurement" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.09.2020.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS compound, Mysuru-570007, Phone : 0821-2455770 / 2457275.

ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

S-3/59, Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751010
Phone: (0674) 2588260, 2586398, 2580554, Fax: 2586368
Website : **www.oredaorissa.com,**
E-mail : **ceoreda@oredaorissa.com**

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Notice No: 3390 Date: 02.09.2020

Tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for empanelment of vendors for implementation of phase-I of MNRE's Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Program in Odisha.

Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/ OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com**. Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/TKR/20-21/1959 Date: 26.08.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (RE-CALL)
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids against this enquiry No. 909/SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/TKR/20-21/1959 Dated: 26.08.2020 for the works coming in the Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Tumakuru. The detailed notification regarding the works called through E-Procurement mode can be obtained from the E-Procurement Portal **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** / E-Procurement KPTCL **after 10.09.2020 at 10.30 Hrs onwards.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B H Road,Tumakuru - 2. Ph. No. : 0816- 2251507/509

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCITIES UNION LTD.,

N.H.-206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR-572107
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/464, Email: tmupur1234@gmail.com Fax:0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the supply of the material listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/ PANDI/AINS/ 2020-21/2 Dt: 01-09-2020	For Insuring Cross Breed Pregnant Heifers / Cows / Local Cows / Buffaloes (without Permanent total disability coverage) owned by Members of Milk Producers Co-Operative Societies affiliated to Tumkur Milk Union Limited for a period of one year – 1,25,000 Animals.	1,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 02.09.2020 to 10.09.2020/ 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **10-09-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **11.09.2020/ 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

BRIDGE & ROOF CO. (INDIA) LTD.

बी एण्ड आर B AND R

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
CIN No.U27310WB1920GOI003601
SECOND FLOOR, JVL PLAZA, NO. 626, ANNA SALAI, TEYNAMPET CHENNAI - 600 018

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

SINGLE PERCENTAGE Offer(s) in two bid system are invited from reputed, resourceful and experienced parties meeting prescribed qualifying criteria for the following work:

Sl. No.	Description of work and NIT No.	Tender Document available on B&R's Website	Due Date of submission of Bid
1.	Fabrication, erection, welding, testing & commissioning of Cone Roof and Floating roof tanks, Surface preparation, Supply and application of primer and paints for Package-1 for the POL Terminal of HPCL,VDPL Project at Dharamapuri, Tamil Nadu. NIT No.: B&R / MDS / 71110 / HPCL / NIT - Tankage Works / Package-1 Dated 05.09.2020.	05.09.2020	19.09.2020

Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in.
Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.

पिंपरी चिंचवड महानगरपालिका, पिंपरी-४११०१८

स्थापत्य विभाग

ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. स्थापत्य/मुख्यालय/१५/१/२०२०-२१

पिंपरी-चिंचवड महानगरपालिकेकडून खालील नमूद केलेल्या कामांसाठी ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धतीने परसेंट रेट निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहेत.
१) निविदेचा दर भरताना एकुण निविदा रकमेतून रॉयल्टी रक्कम व मटेरियल टेस्टींग रक्कम वगळून आलेल्या रकमेवर निविदा दर भरावा.
२) प्रचलित दराने GST बिलात अदा केली जाईल, त्यामुळे GST वगळून दर द्यावेत.
३) रॉयल्टीबाबत म.न.पा. जे धोरण ठरवेल ते आपणावर बंधनकारक राहील.

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१)	त्रिवेणीनगर चौक, तळवडे येथील स्पाईन रस्त्याने बाधित मिळकतधारकांच्या पुनर्वसनासाठी ले-आऊटमधील अंतर्गत रस्ते विकसित करणे व सुविधा पुरविणे. (मोशी येथील सेक्टर नं.११ मधील भूखंडामध्ये पायाभूत सुविधा विकसित करणे.)	रु. ८३,७३८,८९१/-	रु. ८३,३९०,८९१/-	रु. २,५६३,५८२/-	३४८,०००/-	रु. ४१८,६९४/-	रु. ४,१८६,९४५/-	१५ महिने	रु. २२,५२३/-

निविदेचे वेळापत्रक

(१)	ई-निविदा उपलब्ध कालावधी	:	दिनांक ०५/०९/२०२० ते २५/०९/२०२०
(२)	निविदा स्वीकृती अंतिम दिनांक व वेळ	:	दिनांक २५/०९/२०२०, दुपारी ३:०० वाजेपर्यंत.
(३)	निविदापूर्व सभा दिनांक व वेळ	:	दिनांक १८/०९/२०२०, दुपारी ३:०० वाजता.
(४)	निविदापूर्व सभा स्थळ	:	मा. सह. शहर अभियंता, बी.आर.टी.एस. यांचे दालनामध्ये.
(५)	निविदा उघडण्याचा दिनांक	:	दिनांक २८/०९/२०२०, दुपारी ३:०० वाजता (शक्य झाल्यास)

कोणतेही कारण न देता निविदा पूर्णतः किंवा अंशतः मंजूर अथवा नामंजूर करण्याचा अधिकार मा. आयुक्त यांनी स्वतःकडे राखून ठेवला आहे.
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(1) www.pcmcindia.gov.in (2) https://mahatenders.gov.in
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सही/-
– सह शहर अभियंता,
पिंपरी चिंचवड महानगरपालिका
पिंपरी, पुणे-४११०१८

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Won't wear logo of alcohol, Babar tells Somerset

Pakistan's Babar Azam has told his English county, Somerset, that he would not display the logo of any alcohol beverage company on his shirt during the ongoing T20 Blast event in England. Babar, who joined Somerset, was seen wearing a shirt which had the logo of an alcohol company on his back.

Messi to stay at Barcelona

Argentine finally clears air, insists he could never go to court against 'club of his life'

AFP @Paris

LIONEL Messi said on Friday he will stay at Barcelona, insisting he could never go to court against "the club of his life" but he launched a stinging attack on president Josep Maria Bartomeu.

He accused Bartomeu him of going back on an agreement to let him leave for free at the end of last season.

"The president always said that at the end of the season I could decide if I wanted to go or if I wanted to stay and in the end he didn't end up keeping his word," Messi said in an interview with *Goal*, released on Friday. The 33-year-old striker believed he had a clause in his contract that allowed him to leave for free at the end of the season but Barcelona said that option expired on June 10.

"I thought and we were sure that I was free," Messi said. "The president always said that at the end of the season I could decide if I stayed or not and now they hold on to the fact that I did not say it before June 10 when it turns out that on June 10 we were competing for the league in the middle of this shitty virus and this disease that altered all the dates."

Messi added: "And this is the reason why I am going to continue in the club... because the president told me that the only way to leave was to pay the 700-million-euro release clause.

"This is impossible, and then the other way was to go to trial. I would never go to court against Barca because it is the club that I love, that gave me everything since I arrived, it is the club of my life, I have made my life here."

Messi had requested to leave the club he joined as a boy following Barcelona's humiliating 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions League, with Manchester City emerging as favourites to sign him.

His lawyers sent Barca a burofax on August 25 stating his intention to depart but Messi says he made his feelings clear to Bartomeu long before.

"I told the club, especially the president, that I wanted to go," said Messi. "I've been telling him all year. I believed it was time to step aside.

"I believed that the club needed more young people, new people and I thought my time in Barcelona was over, feeling very sorry because I always said that I wanted to finish my career here.

"It was a very difficult year, I suffered a lot in training, in games and in the dressing room. Everything became very difficult for me and there came a time when I considered looking for new goals, new horizons.

"It wasn't because of the Champions League result against Bayern, I had been thinking about it for a long time. I told the president and the president always said that at the end of the season I could decide if I wanted to go or if I wanted to stay and in the end he did not end up keeping his word."

Barcelona ended the season without a trophy for the first time since 2008.

I'm more positive about what I can do in Grand Slams before I came over here. I feel like I'm back at square one having not played Slams for a few years.

Andy Murray after the loss

ANDY IT'S OVER!

AGENCIES @New York

ANDY Murray crashed out of the US Open second round to 15th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime on Thursday. The former World No 1 was demolished by the 20-year-old Canadian 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 in two hour eight minutes.

Murray, playing in his first singles Grand Slam since the 2019 Australian Open, had rallied to win a thrilling five-set match against Japan's 49th-ranked Yoshihito Nishioka the first round on Tuesday.

But the Scotsman was unable to repeat the heroics against the big-serving 21st-ranked Auger-Aliassime who dominated from start to finish.

In the women's singles, Serena Williams continued her hunt for a record seventh US Open title with a win on Thursday. Williams, the tournament's third seed, dispatched Russian Margarita Gasparyan 6-2, 6-4.

Nagal loses to Thiem

India's Sumit Nagal was knocked out World No 3 Dominic Thiem in the men's singles second round. Nagal lost 3-6, 3-6, 2-6 to the second-seeded Austrian.

Select results

● **Men:** Berrettini (ITA x6) bt Humbert (FRA) 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6); Medvedev (RUS x3) bt O'Connell (AUS) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; Thiem (AUT x2) bt Nagal (IND) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; Auger-Aliassime (CAN x15) bt Murray (GBR) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. ● **Women:** Keys (USA x7) bt Bolsova (ESP) 6-2, 6-1; Kenin (USA x2) bt Fernandez (CAN) 6-4, 6-3; Williams (USA x3) bt Gasparyan (RUS) 6-2, 6-4; Pironkova (BUL) bt Muguruza (ESP x10) 7-5, 6-3.

First practice for CSK in Dubai, Bhajji skips IPL

ENS/AGENCIES @Chennai

THREE-TIME champions Chennai Super Kings had their first training session on Friday evening as barring those infected 13, all others tested Covid-19 negative in the additional tests taken on Thursday. This is the first time Chennai have stepped out of their hotel since arriving in Dubai on August 21. While they were supposed to start training last Friday, they were placed in extended quarantine after 13 members of their touring contingent tested Covid-19 positive.

This makes Chennai the last team to start training as they just have 14 more days before the tournament begins on September 19. The development comes on a day when the Super Kings revealed that Harbhajan Singh will miss the entire IPL season because of family reasons. The off-spinner is the second Chennai player ruled out of the league after Suresh Raina returned to India last week citing same reasons. "I have informed the CSK management about my decision to pull out. I have decided to take a break due to personal reasons in these difficult times. I expect that everyone would respect my need for privacy. I would only say that there are times when family takes precedence over sport. My family is my focus of attention. But yes my heart will be in the UAE with my team," Harbhajan said.

I have informed the CSK management about my decision to pull out of this year's IPL. I have decided to take a break due to personal reasons in these difficult times.

Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan's unavailability means, Chennai are without an off-spinner. It is not clear whether Chennai will seek a replacement for Raina and Harbhajan. If Chennai look for an off-spinner, they could turn towards Jalaj Saxena, who has been a consistent performer in the domestic circuit. With the pitches in UAE expected to assist the spinners, Chennai have the likes of the Imran Tahir, Ravindra Jadeja, Karn Sharma, Piyush Chawla, Mitchell Santner and Sai Kishore in their ranks.

Cycling body wants to host intl event in Oct

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

IF all goes according to plan, the Track Asia Cup might be the first international sporting event to be held in the country in the midst of the pandemic. The Cycling Federation of India held discussions with Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju regarding hosting the competition on Friday.

According to the UCI world calendar, the event is scheduled to be held from October 30 to November 1. Hosting the meet in the midst of a pandemic will come with its own set of challenges - from visa formalities to quarantine to testing and ensuring a bio-secure model.

Only after the exact dates for the event are fixed and the number of participating countries and their identities known, will these discussions take shape. There are chances that the cup might be postponed to November or December but the CFI are adamant that it will be held.

"There will be clarity sometime later this month. We are currently discussing with the Asian Cycling Confederation to check whether any other countries are planning events and trying to finalise the exact number of participating countries. It will not be like the previous edition where 16 nations took part," CFI chairman Onkar Singh told this daily.

The competition is important for picking up ranking points which will help India once the World Cups resume next year.

The CFI have also been on the hunt for sponsors and so far no one has come forward. They do not expect any funding to be forthcoming due to the pandemic and this has been relayed to the Sports Minister, who has assured his support.

Camp starts

The training camp for cyclists restarted after Triyasha Paul tested Covid-19 negative and everybody finished their quarantine period. SOPs are being followed s and this is the first camp to start at the IG Sports Complex in New Delhi.

EXPRESS READ

Table tennis set to return in November

NEW DELHI: International table tennis is set to return with ITTF announcing both the men's and women's World Cup and ITTF Finals which will be held in November. All three events will be held in China. The World Cups will feature 20 female and 20 male athletes while the top 16 players will lock horns at the ITTF Finals. Players competing at the events and the exact dates will be announced soon. The ITTF with the Chinese federation will put in place safety measures.

Delhi to host first shooting WC in 2021

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

DELHI has been earmarked to host a shooting World Cup early next year as the ISSF, world shooting body, revealed the competition calendar for 2021.The decision was taken during the ISSF Executive Committee meeting. National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Raninder Singh, also ISSF vice-president, is a member of the committee.

Rajiv Bhatia, NRAI secretary, confirmed the development and said that the event is likely to be held in March. The competition will feature rifle, pistol and shotgun shooters.

"The World Cup could be conducted in the month of March. We are hopeful that we'll get a vaccine by then," Bhatia told this daily.

According to the ISSF, South Korea, Azerbaijan, Egypt and Italy have been handed the responsibility to host the remaining World Cups in 2021. "It was decided that the final tournament of the year 2021, with the participation of 12 best athletes in each individual Olympic discipline, would be held in the capital of Azerbaijan — Baku in the second half of October 2021," the ISSF wrote in its website.

The junior shooters will also have a lot to look forward to as the World Championships is set to be held in Peru (Las Palmas). The junior World Cups will be held in Germany and Kazakhstan.

Moreover, the committee has also approved rule changes and a new ranking system. The technical changes, mostly in team events, will be included in ISSF Championships programme from next year. The ranking system will also be implemented from next year.

A World Cup in New Delhi, that was supposed to be held in March this year, had been postponed and subsequently owing to the coronavirus pandemic. The Indian shooters are currently training at their homes. Those in and around Delhi have been using the Dr Karni Shooting Range facilities.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum
Short Time Tender Notice No.22 / VLR - CLE / 2020 - 2021 / Dated : 03.09.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore -1 for the following works from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto **3.00 pm** as per office clock on **22.09.2020** under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover I) alone will be opened on **22.09.2020** at **3.30 PM** by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.

PACKAGE WORKS - Construction of (1) Taluk Office building at Slice 1 : K.V.Kuppam, Slice 2 : Gudiyatham, Slice 3 : Revenue Divisional Office at Gudiytham, and Slice 4 : Revenue Divisional Officer Quarters at Gudiyatham in Vellore District. (2) Slice 1 : Revenue Division Office building, Slice 2 : Revenue Divisional Officer Quarters building at Vaniyambadi, and Slice 3 : Tahsildhar Quarters building at Ambur in Thiruppathur District. (3) Construction of Taluk office building at Slice 1 : Arcot, and Slice 2 : Kalavai, (4) Construction of Slice 1 : Taluk Office building at Walajah, and Slice 2 : Tahsildhar Quarters building at Walajah, (5) Construction of Slice 1 : Taluk Office building at Sholinghur, Slice 2 : Revenue Divisional Office building at Arakkonam, and Slice 3 : Revenue Divisional Officer Quarters building at Arakkonam in Ranipet District, (6) Construction of Taluk Office building at Slice 1 : Kallakurichi, and Slice 2 : Kalvarayanmalai in Kallakurichi District, (7) Construction of Taluk office building at Thiruvennainallur in Villupuram District.

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website (**http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**) and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building (C&M) Circle, Vellore - 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website, upto **21.09.2020 - 5.45 pm.**

DIPR/ 3305 /TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1.

Govt. of Bihar
Urban Development & Housing Department
Corrigendum-2
RFP No. 03/SBM-01-02/2020, Issued On:24.08.2020

Pre bid meeting was held on 31-08-2020 regarding appointment of Project Management Unit (PMU) for Projects in Bihar sanctioned under SBM. Many bidders participated in pre bid meeting and they submitted their written queries, some queries also received by E-Mail. Most of the queries obtained from bidders are against the same clause of RFP. Hence the clarifications and modifications made in RFP (Clause wise) based on their queries are following:-

S. No	Page No.Of RFP	As per RFP	Modification
1	5	e. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The proposals must be accompanied by EMD of INR Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only) in the form of Bank Demand Draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank / Reputed Private Bank in India. EMD may be also in the form of Bank Guarantee drawn on Nationalized / Reputed Private Bank in India.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The proposals must be accompanied by EMD of INR Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only) in the form of Bank Demand Draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank / Reputed Private Bank in India. The EMD Demand Draft drawn in favour of Deput y Director, BUDA may be also in the form of Bank Guarantee drawn on Nationalized / Reputed Private Bank in India.
2	5	h. A Consultant will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method	A Consultant will be selected under least cost based method.
3	17	7.3. Financial Proposalsfor Quality cum CostBased selection (QCBS) 7.3.1 FollowingtherankingofTechnicalProposals,whensel ectionisbased on QCBS,the technically qualified Consultants will be invited to attend	7.3. Financial Proposalsfor least costbased selection. 7.3.1 FollowingtherankingofTechnicalProposals,whensel ectionisbased on least costbased method,the technically qualified Consultants will be invited to attend
4	18	7.7.2 List cost method shall apply for evaluating price Bids.	Least cost method shall apply for evaluating price Bids.
5	22	Sl.No. 1 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method	Least cost method (LCM)
6	22	Sl. No 13 80% (The Consultant will have to give a powerpoint presentation, date for presentation will be intimated by UD & HD)	80%
7	25	Note: c) It is mandatory for the firm to secure minimum 70% marks during technical proposal evaluation. Proposals securing less than 70% marks will be considered non-eligible and disqualified.	It is mandatory for the firm to secure minimum 80% marks during technical proposal evaluation. Proposals securing less than 80% marks will be considered non-eligible and disqualified.
8	26	Under Sl. No 29 T heproject per iod s hallbe of 2 years extendable upto 1 year more. TheContract period sh allcommence within15days after the issue ofworkorder.	Upto 31st March 2021, extendable upto one year and more depending upon Extention of SBM Programm e by Government of India and satisfactory performance of consultant on term and conditions mutually agreed between two parties.

The original RFP should be considered modified as per the above addendum and modification against the mentioned clauses of original as tabulated above. Apart from the above modified clauses of RFP, rest clauses will remain the same as in original RFP.

Special Secretary
Urban Development & Housing Department,
Government of Bihar

PR No. 0006143(Urban) 2020-21

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Mechanical Engineering Department

M.E.D.C.No.M1/2365 & 2194/2019
E- Tender Notice

E-Tender is invited for the following work by Superintending Engineer (Mech), (Head Quarters) **as per tender condition**

Name of Work	Qty.	EMD	Last date and time of submission
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 1)	94	Package 1 Rs. 2,07,000/-	14.10.2020 @ 3.00 P.M
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 2 to 7)	Each package 227	Package 2 to 7 Each Rs. 4,99,400/-	
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 8)	228	Package 8 Rs. 5,01,600/-	

Tender details can be downloaded from: http://tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/3320/Tender/2020

Superintending Engineer (Mechanical)

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
HEAD OFFICE: 10-152/1, SRI SAI TOWERS, BANDAR ROAD KANURU, VIJAYAWADA-520007.

Tender No: PDS.3/32/Carry Bags/MDU/2020 Dated: 04.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2nd Call

EMPANELMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MANUFACTURERS DIST-WISE FOR SUPPLY OF NON WOVEN CARRY BAGS (10 Kgs) TO THE MLS POINTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AT DOOR STEPS OF CARD HOLDERS UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH AP E-KONUGOLU PLATFORM

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites Tenders for district wise Empanelment and Appointment of Manufacturers for Supply of Non woven Carry bags (10Kgs) to all the MLS Points of (13) districts in Andhra Pradesh State for distribution of Rice at Door Steps of Cardholders under Public Distribution System through AP e-Konugolu platform.

All the interested Manufacturers/traders in all over India may visit **https://konugolu.ap.gov.in** and www.apscscl.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

Interested tenderers should be registered in website **https://konugolu.ap.gov.in** and should also obtain Digital Signature Certificates from any Certifying Authority in India to submit bids. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the website **https://konugolu.ap.gov.in** or contact the helpdesk of e-procurement platform, Phone Number: 08645-246370/71/72/73/74

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **14.09.2020 at 5.00pm** and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through ap e-konugolu platform would be **18.09.2020 at 11.00 am.**

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

RFP No.02/HPC/TSIIC/2020-21, **Dt. 02.09.2020**

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State in partnership with Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, proposes to establish Biopharma Hub (B-Hub); a Scale-up manufacturing facility combined with offering, modular in this connection, TSIIC invites Proposal Selection of Developer for Establishment of Biopharma Hub (B-Hub) at Genome Valley in Ranga Reddy District of Telangana State on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Basis.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be downloaded from www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in from September 5th, 2020. Last date for submission of proposals: October 5th, 2020, 15.00 Hrs (IST).

sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director
Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited
"Parishrama Bhavan", 6th Floor, 5-9-58/B, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, Pin:500004.
Telangana.Ph: 23237625/26, FAx:040-23240205, Email: vcmd@tsiic.telangana.gov.in

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movables/Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Movables/immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 09.10.2020 (10.00 AM to 10.30 AM),** for recovery of ₹ **18,21,05,239/- (Rupees Eighteen Crores Twenty one Lakhs Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Only)** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **M/s. Jain Steels & Alloys,** Plot No.88, 89 & 90 Antharasanahalli Industrial Area II Phase KIADB, Tumkur-572106 represented by **Mr. Kanakamull C & Mr. Ashish Kumar S/o. Kanakamull** as Partners both residing at # 10 M.M. Road, Frazer Town Bangalore 560006.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited **on or before 07.10.2020 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366)** to the credit of the **Account Number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore.**

(Rupees in Lakhs)

I. No.	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	All that piece & parcel of property No.29, Krishna-Rajendra Wodeyarnagar, Cleveland Town, "C" street, Bangalore with PID No.91-69-29 and measuring East to west 13.3 ft and North - south 12.6+3.6/2 totally 165 sft.	20.00	2.00	0.50
2	Machinery etc standing on property at Plot No.88 & 89 measuring 2036 Sq.Mtrs situated at Antharasanahalli, 2nd phase, Indl Area, siutated at Sy No.Part 24 of Antharasanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Tq & Dist.	84.00	8.40	0.50
3	All that piece of Industrial Land & Shed at Plot No.88 & 89 measuring 2036 Sq.Mtrs situated at Antharasanahalli, 2nd phase, Indl Area, siutated at Sy No.Part 24 of Antharasanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Tq. & Dist - AND - All that piece of Indl Land & Shed at Plot No. 90 measuring 1022 Sq.Mtrs situated at Antharasanahalli, 2nd phase, Indl Area, situated at Sy.No.Part 24 of Antharasanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Tq & Dist.	311.00	31.10	0.50

The intending bidders who wish to bid for Item No.3 property have to necessarily bid for Item No.2 also and bid for Item No.3 alone will not be accepted. However, bid for Item No.2 alone will be accepted.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (**www.canarabank.com**) or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 03.09.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **CANARA BANK**

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Consuming red and processed meat increases a protein compound that may increases the risk of heart disease, stroke and complications in diabetes, according to a study published in the journal *Nutrients*.

Children suffering from social anxiety may be at particular risk for depression in the future, warn researchers in a paper published in the *Journal of Adolescence*.

EXFILE

Roman Space Telescope's main mirror is ready

Work on the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope's primary mirror, which will collect and focus light from cosmic objects near and far to discover rogue planets, has been completed, the US space agency said. We take a look at NASA's new space telescope

WHAT IS NANCY GRACE ROMAN SPACE TELESCOPE?

Formerly called the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope(WFIRST), it is a mission concept to answer vital questions in both exoplanet detection and dark energy research

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

1. Studying the newly-discovered phenomenon of dark energy
2. Measuring the history of cosmic acceleration
3. Completing the exoplanet census begun by Kepler Space Telescope
4. Demonstrating technology for direct imaging and characterisation of exoplanets

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FIELD OF VIEW 100x GREATER THAN HUBBLE IMAGES

With the newly attached primary mirror, Roman is expected to capture stunning space vistas with a field of view 100 times greater than that of Hubble

WIDTH 2.4 METRES | **WEIGHT** 186 KGS

The amount of detail these observations will reveal is directly related to the size of the telescope's mirror, since a larger surface gathers more light and measures finer features

OBSERVATION POINT

Roman will observe from a vantage point about **1.5 million** km away from Earth in the direction opposite the Sun

Its barrel-like shape will help block out unwanted light from the Sun, Earth and Moon

The spacecraft's distant location will help keep the instruments cool, ensuring that it will be able to detect faint infrared signals

The primary mirror, in concert with other optics, will send light to Roman's two science instruments:

1. WIDE FIELD INSTRUMENT

A giant 300MP camera that provides the same sharp resolution as Hubble across nearly 100 times the field of view

2. CORONAGRAPH INSTRUMENT

It demonstrates technology that blocks out the glare of stars and allows astronomers to directly image planets in orbit around them

DEVELOPMENT

2010

The space telescope was recommended by United States National Research Council Decadal Survey committee

2016

Roman was approved for development and launch

May 2020

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine announced that the mission would be named the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope in recognition of the former NASA Chief of Astronomy's foundational role in the field of space astronomy

The Roman Space Telescope's primary mirror reflects an American flag. Its surface is figured to a level hundreds of times finer than a typical household mirror

IMAGE: L3HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES

FACT OF THE MATTER

500-year-old sturgeon found

FISH FROM THE PAST

A two-metre long sturgeon, a species today near extinction, has been found preserved in the pantry of a 500-year-old Danish royal shipwreck in the Baltic Sea, archaeologists told *AFP*. "During archaeological excavations in 2019, a wooden barrel submerged inside the shipwreck revealed the almost complete and well-preserved remains of a sturgeon fish," archaeologists from Lund University wrote in a recent article in the *Journal of Archeological Science*. Denmark's King Hans sailed to Sweden in 1495 on the Gribshunden, but the ship sank, along with its precious cargo. The discovery, qualified as "unique" by the researchers, was possible thanks to the special characteristics of the Baltic, a semi-closed sea with low oxygen levels.

Apple delays iOS 14 changes

ANTI-TRACK FEATURE

Apple is delaying a new privacy feature in the next version of its iPhone operating system that will make it more difficult for app makers to track people online to help sell digital ads. The decision outlined on Thursday affects iOS 14, which is expected to be released as a free software upgrade to roughly a billion iPhone users later this month. Apple intended iOS 14 to automatically block tracking as soon as it came out, but the company now says it will hold back the tool until early next year. The same safeguard was supposed be in the next operating systems for iPads and Apple TVs, too. The feature would require apps to explicitly ask users to permission to collect and share data about their online behavior through a unique code that identifies every iPhone.

Locusts reach southern Africa

VORACIOUS APPETITE

Locusts are threatening another part of Africa, with up to 7 million people in the southern region facing further food insecurity, the United Nations said on Friday. The outbreaks of African migratory locusts in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe are not related to the huge outbreak of billions of desert locusts that has affected East Africa for months, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said. While far smaller, the southern outbreaks need quick attention to prevent a wider problem as farmers and others already struggle to recover from a serious drought last year and the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UN agency said in a statement. Swarms of the voracious insects "can eat enough food for 2,500 people in a day," according to a separate Food and Agriculture Organization document on the southern Africa outbreaks. A single swarm can contain millions of locusts. While all four countries have launched pesticide spraying efforts that have been called the only effective locust control, the work has been limited, the FAO said.

J&J's vaccine prevents Covid-19 in hamsters

Vaccinated rodents lost less weight than unvaccinated counterparts and didn't experience severe clinical disease

PROMISING RESULTS

JERUSALEM: A Covid-19 vaccine candidate, co-developed by the American multinational company Johnson and Johnson, raises neutralising antibodies that robustly protect hamsters against severe infection with the novel coronavirus, according to a study.

The research, published in the journal *Nature Medicine*, demonstrated that the vaccine elicited robust immune response in Syrian golden hamsters, and prevented severe clinical disease including weight loss, pneumonia, and death.

The vaccine, co-developed by the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Johnson & Johnson (J&J), uses a common cold virus, called adenovirus serotype 26 (Ad26), to deliver the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein into host cells, where it stimulates the body to raise immune responses against the coronavirus.

"We recently reported that an Ad26-based SARS-CoV-2 vaccine provided robust protection in rhesus macaques, and this vaccine is currently being evaluated in humans," said Dan Barouch, Director of BIDMC Center for Virology and Vaccine Research.

"However, non-human primates typically don't get severe clinical disease, and thus it was important to study whether this vaccine could prevent severe pneumonia and death due to SARS-CoV-2 in hamsters, which are more susceptible to clinical disease," Barouch said.

The scientists developed a series of vaccine candidates designed to express different variants of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, which is the major target for neutralising antibodies.

In the current study, they immunised Syrian golden hamsters with a single injection of the Ad26-based SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, which induced neutralising antibodies in all the test animals. Four weeks later, when the hamsters were exposed to a high dose of SARS-CoV-2, the study found that vaccinated animals lost less weight, had less virus in their lungs and other organs, and also demonstrated lower mortality than unvaccinated control animals.

The scientists also found that neutralising antibody responses were inversely correlated with weight loss and viral loads in respiratory tissues.

They said the vaccine is currently being evaluated in clinical studies to establish the performance of the vaccine candidate in humans.

"This hamster model of severe Covid-19 disease should prove useful to complement current non-human primate models in the evaluation of candidate vaccines and therapeutics," Barouch said.

In July, J&J experimental vaccine raised neutralising antibodies and robustly protected monkeys against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19.

"Pending clinical trial outcomes, the Ad26.COV2.S vaccine is on track to start a phase 3 efficacy trial in up to 60,000 participants in September," the researchers said.

LISA CAMPBELL, 1ST WOMAN TO HEAD CANADA'S SPACE AGENCY

GENDER BENDER

OTTAWA: For the first time in its 31-year history, the Canadian Space Agency will have a female president.

The government announced on this week that longtime public servant Lisa Campbell will take over as head of the agency. Campbell replaces Sylvain Laporte, who has been president since 2015. Campbell has spent the last two years as senior executive for Veteran Affairs Canada. Prior to that, she spent three years as the assistant deputy minister for defence and marine procurement where she led the organisation acquiring Canada's military and marine equipment.

"Her experience in defence procurement will hold her in good stead as she takes over some of the most important procurements for the space sector," Navdeep Bains, federal minister of innovation, science and industry, said in a press release.

Established in March 1989, the Canadian Space Agency is responsible for managing all of Canada's civil space-related activities.

STRUGGLING SIMIAN

An injured grey langur looks for help at Alipiri in Tirupati on Friday. Also called Hanuman langur, these monkeys are found throughout the Indian subcontinent | MADHAV K

TIGHT GROUP

Male elephants, like females, also follow their elders

STAG CLUB

WASHINGTON: A line of elephants trundles across a dusty landscape in northern Botswana, ears flapping and trunks occasionally brushing the ground. As they pass a motion-activated camera hidden in low shrubbery, photos record the presence of each elephant.

What's special about this group? It's only males.

Female elephants are known to form tight family groups led by experienced matriarchs. Males were long assumed to be loners, because they leave their mother's herd when they reach 10 to 20 years of age. A new study shows that teenage males aren't anti-social after all. Younger male elephants were seen tagging along behind older males as they travel from place to place. It's more evidence in an emerging body of research that shows older males — like their female counterparts — play an important role in elephants' complex society.

For the study published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, researchers analysed photos of 1,264 sightings of male African savannah elephants travelling toward the Boteti River in 2017 and 2018. They found that younger males sel-

dom travelled alone and older males most often led groups of mixed ages. "Mature male elephants often take a position at the front of the line when they are leading the group" to streams or seasonal grazing grounds, said Diana Reiss, director of the Animal Behavior and Conservation Program at Hunter College, who was not involved in the new study.

"In human societies, grandparents are valued because they make really important contributions — helping with childcare and passing down knowledge gained over decades," she said. "We're now learning this pattern is also true for some other long-lived mammals, including dolphins, whales and elephants."

This is the first such study of African savannah elephants. A 2019 paper used motion-activated cameras to describe similar male group dynamics among Asian elephants.

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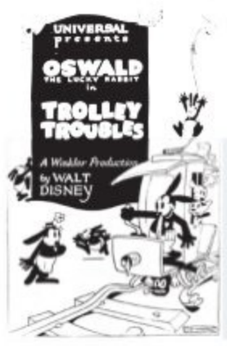


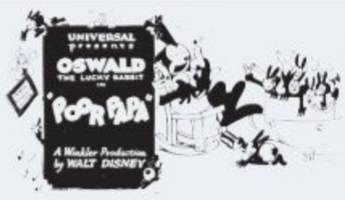
DAY'S DIARY

Cartoon released

On this day in 1927, the first 'Oswald the Lucky Rabbit' cartoon, *Trolley Troubles*, produced by Walt Disney was released

THE SERIES

The 'Oswald the Lucky Rabbit' series was created by Ub Iwerks and Walt Disney between 1927 and 1928. It consists of 26 black and white shorts, starring Oswald, the Lucky Rabbit



REDESIGN

The first cartoon starring Oswald, *Poor Papa*, prompted a redesign. The production thought that the rabbit looked old and depressed

CHARACTER SIMILARITIES

Oswald was a mischievous silent character fond of slapstick humour. His oversized ears, big eyes and shorts bear a striking similarity to Mickey Mouse

'Buzz around Roberrt hasn't stopped'

PG 4

BUBBLING UP

Happy hours are back as pubs are filling up again. On the menu? Newly brewed flavoured beers and ramped-up safety precautions

• Monika Monalisa

As the weekend sets in, there's a familiar whiff in the air. That of the old normalcy, when Saturdays and Sundays were reserved for catching up with friends for drinks over slow and sanguine evenings. City pubs are leaving no stone unturned, or beer taps unopened, if you will, as they welcome diners for the weekend after September 1, or the day they were allowed to serve alcohol again after five months. While pubs were open before too, they wore a deserted look due to not being permitted to serve liquor on premises. Now, pubs like Bob's Bar and Brahma Brews are pinning high hopes on weekend tipplers.

Santosh Sriram, owner of Hakuna Matata and Brahma Brews, is cheery despite the 50 per cent occupancy rule. "It is an exciting moment for pub owners but I am glad to see the same feeling among pub goers too. We saw 25-30 per cent of footfall on the first weekday and are expecting 40-50 per cent during the weekend," he says. Besides sanitisation and temperature checks, customers can access the menu through a QR code or opt for a use-and-throw menu. "The waiter will place the food on the table while customers help themselves," he adds.

Pravesh Pandey, director-partner of Byg Brewski Brewing, adds that this time will serve as a warmup period. "We want to reconnect with our old customers and build the relationship to get good footfall for Dasara and Diwali," he says. According to him, pubs with larger spaces are going to be big players. "People are preferring our Hennur branch to Sarjapur, for its larger space."

Agrees Kuncheria Marattukalam, co-founder, URU Brewpark. "We opened the restaurant a month-and-a-half ago but the business has gone up since Tuesday. The advantage of URU is its huge spread out layout," he says, adding that they have seen 50 per cent footfall during the weekdays. To cater the work from home crowd, they have introduced different gourmet sandwiches and different teas and coffees.

To help keep customers' spirits high, pubs have also started brewing different beers. While URU has introduced four different beers, Bramha has introduced an Ayurvedic beer with herbs. Prashant Kunal, CEO, The Bier Library, says new flavours will be launched for Oktoberfest. "We will introduce two new flavours from September 19 onwards," says Kunal.

1) Customers at Bob's Bar; (2) and (3) Waiters at Brahma Brews don masks and face shields on the job • Meghana Sastry

The advantage of URU is its huge spread out layout. We saw so many people coming in just to work from here and they don't have to bother about social distancing

– Kuncheria Marattukalam, co-founder, URU Brewpark

'Growth should not be at the cost of city'

BENGALURU BEATS

• Shalini Saraswathi, Blade runner

I was born and raised in Bengaluru and have seen the city through all its phases. The city had grown way too fast, without much forward thinking, even before the tech boom arrived. When all the technology companies started coming up, mostly located on the outskirts of the city, it was a great idea. But the government forgot to look into building connectivity to these places. There was hardly any public transport and the Metro services came very late to the city. While there were limited bus options, other options like trains connecting from Whitefield to Yelahanka were hardly popularised. So, the city has been trying to play catch up with developments that should have been planned before the companies were set up.

Since these issues were not fixed on time, it has cascaded down to different problems like traffic and pollution. The city lacks good infrastructure. If you ask people why they use personal vehicles over public transport, most cite the lack of public transport. There are more basic amenities that are missing. For instance, infrastructure for differently-abled people is a joke, not just in the city but also in this country. It's frustrating.

However, the responsibility cannot always lie with the government. Citizens act in irresponsible ways here even though they follow all rules and obey all laws in other countries. I was happy when the government had increased the fine for traffic violations; unfortunately it was brought down after public outcry.

SOLUTION: It's alright to have growth in the city but it should not be at the cost of the city itself. Before focusing on more development, the government should also see if Bengaluru has the capacity to take it or not. The authorities should take care of infrastructure from every aspect, not just from the traffic and pollution point of view. Citizens too should not just resort to pointing out problems and instead, should actively be involved in solving the issues.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

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NEW EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020

Missed Opportunity to Erase Educational Discrimination

Dr M. Mahadeva

Notwithstanding the advancement that has been achieved in the last seventy plus years of independent India, the outcomes of the educational systems of the country is neither path breaking nor uniquely development oriented. It is largely due to the fact that the country is yet to provide education to all, despite being the fundamental right and is yet to mainstream a good segment of people. If this is the overall situation, discriminatory practices in imparting education to the needy has been the hallmark, owing to shift in character of education from pure public good to pure private good.

During the globalisation process, the country invited private players to produce educational services and distribute the same to the needy. This paradigm shift paved way for division of educational seekers into affordable and unaffordables.

But in rural areas, government continues to play a catalyst role as the largest supplier of education, especially school education. The painful issue is the disturbing continuation of discriminatory system of multi-curriculums for different sections, which has developed different capabilities with marked differences as well as non-development of the common curriculum for the entire country.

If the curriculum of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Council of Secondary Education (ICSE) could cater to the needs of the creamy layered society, the curriculum of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been catering to the regional needs at the state levels.

Invariably, the outcome has been that of clear divide in absorptions in the employment market. If the first category has brought in superiority complex in the minds of the wards, the second category of curriculum has sown the seeds of inferiority among students with limited capabilities, beset with inadequate teachers, laboratory experiments and lack of other infrastructure.

Nowhere has anybody come across a practice of discriminatory curriculum in the school education system and promotion of division in the society from childhood, however diverse the society is. Instead, most advanced countries have common curriculum throughout the length and breadth, on the principle of 'one nation, one curriculum'.

Such initiative is equally warranted even in India, given its openness for global operations in the era of globalisation, which would throw open global opportunities equally with common capabilities.

Other Forms of Education

Technical education imbibed all the features of both school and higher education. Promotion of institutions of national importance like IITs, NITs, Central Institutes and other institutions of state and private sector funded is an issue in itself with huge difference in the curriculums and market linkages. That apart, promotion of digital or online education, which has assumed paramount importance in situations like Coronavirus in the limited funded institutions is a serious cause of concern over the level playing field in the supply and demand perspective.

Mushrooming growth of technical institutions, drop in admission enrolments, quality of teaching, etc. have been the subsidiary issues. Lastly, having assumed public, quasi and private goods to be imparted by the government, non-government and private sector, making higher education relevant and affordable to all is a challenge in the changing circumstance.

New Education Policy

The New Education Policy (NEP) has contemplated on four important segments:

- School Education
- Higher Education
- Professional and Technical Education
- Financing Affordable Education.

The focus of the first is to ensure curtailing dropouts, learning centric, teachers, effective governance and standard & accreditation. Similarly, inclusiveness, institutional restructuring, including creating a National Research Foundation (NRF), promotion of multidisciplinary education, motivated and capable faculty, equity in the education, teacher education, vocationalisation, effective management, effective leadership & governance and use of technology have been the focus in the higher education segment.

The policy directs that all schools should provide effective and sufficient infrastructure at all levels, in order to prevent dropouts, especially girl students.

It also promises to provide regular trained teachers at each level to ensure that no school remains deficient on infrastructure support. More so, it is pointed that the credibility of government school should be re-established with up-gradation of the existing ones, new schools in unschooled areas, hostels for the girls and so on.

Learning-friendly and flexibility are contemplated by reducing the curriculum content, thrust on experimental learning, flexibility in course choice and multilingual approach. National Curriculum Framework for School Education is also emphasised after stakeholders' consultation by the NCERT, which would be revised for every 5 to 10 years and made available in regional languages.

Disappointingly, this leaves the fundamental issue of common curriculum for the entire country unattended. The policy considered that teachers are the nation builders and to increase their tribe, proposed to introduce merit-based scholarships for studying integrated B. Ed Programme and preferential employment. It has also recognised the necessity of provision of local housing for the teachers near or on the school premises, which was long due and a welcoming move. The best direction is that teachers can no longer be transferred according to whims and fancies except in the special circumstances, in order to encourage learning continuity from model teachers and to erase transfer inconvenience.

It has directed to do away with teachers' recruitment holidays, as observed in many states including Karnataka and to ensure adequate number of teachers across subjects besides, encouraging them for continuous professional development and career progression.

Lastly, the proposed action on standard setting and accreditation for school education is indeed warranted approach, especially for the government schools in rural areas as they are in pathetic positions, which has dented the image of schools and the learning atmosphere is in doldrums.

Holistic and multidisciplinary education with intellectual, aesthetic, social, physical, emotional and moral strength, achieving equity and inclusion are the main focus of higher education and to create opportunities to all individuals. To ensure the same, it suggests measures like exclusive government funds, target setting, setting up of higher education institutions in special education zones, financial assistance and scholarships to enhance the opportunities.

Under institutional restructuring, creation of National Research Foundation (NRF) is welcoming to promote academic research in the HEIs, as it amount to creation of fresh knowledge from the realm of civilizations to the modern times. It intends to fund peer-reviewed researches at the universities and to liaison between the researchers and the governments, industry, policy makers etc.

Further, in order to create a culture of effective governance and leadership, the policy called for a graded accreditation to become independent self-governing institutions with a board of governors. It is also contemplated to appoint only persons of high academic qualifications with demonstrated administrative and leadership capabilities. Those persons are also expected to demonstrate strong alignment to the constitutional values.

The Nation Builders

On the occasions of the Teachers' day, it is high time to realise the need to respect the teaching community with dignity like elsewhere and keep the teaching fratenity with all comforts in the country. Teachers, having accepted them as nation builders, need best remuneration, perks and incentives for their labour, which should be on par with any other frontline servants. It is indeed necessary to release them from the financial difficulties and stress, and to ensure meeting their family's basic needs from time to time.

Development of social infrastructure, including residential housing in the school environment, as contemplated would go a long way not only in increasing consultations between the teachers and wards but would ensure continuous learning of the poor and the weak students. The other benefit is that such initiative would put an end to home tuitions.

Releasing the teaching communities from the non-academic treacheries is yet another need of the hour and a relief to facilitate them to rededicate themselves in the nation building activity. The present focus of faculty development scheme and design needs immediate attention to make it relevant to the industry and social needs on continuous basis than to only promotions and progressions of the teachers, especially in the higher education segment.

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REFINING HIGHER EDUCATION

The unavowed objective of higher education is

(a) to produce fresh knowledge; (b) distribution of fresh knowledge emanated from research; and (c) to disseminate the fresh knowledge.

These activities can be taken up by undertaking research, by teaching the findings of the research, and lastly to document/publish the fresh knowledge to facilitate further research. These objectives not only make higher education much sought after but also establishes the forward linkage largely to the employment market and to the society in general.

Unfortunately barring some, most of the higher education institutions have by and large never engaged in realising these objectives but largely confined to teaching.

Undertaking independent or commissioned research works is very limited and perhaps totally absent in some disciplines. Lack of competitiveness and institutional supports are attributed for the present state of affairs in the universities. If this is the overall scenario in focussed research, there is hardly any conducive environment or sufficient attempts on the part of the faculty members for inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary researches.

It must be owing to lack of orientation or on job trainings at the higher level of the Indian higher education.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CARROT KESAR

INGREDIENTS

- **Carrot:** 1 cup, grated
- **Medium rava:** 1/2 cup
- **Jaggery:** 3/4 cup
- **Ghee:** 3 tbsp
- **Cashew nuts, badam:** small cup, roasted
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 spoon

METHOD

- Heat a pan. Roast rava. Then saute carrot and keep them separately.
- Boil 2.5 cups of water. Add the grated carrots and roasted rava. Stir well until cooked well.
- Add jaggery. Mix well to let them combine.
- Add ghee little by little, then add cardamom powder and the roasted nuts.
- Mix everything well and bring down from the stove.
- Serve hot or cold.

– by Akila Thiyagarajan, Bengaluru.

NATURE TALK

TSUN (LEPCHA)

- To meet or join, to be confluent as rivers.
- (*a-tsun* - a confluence of rivers).
- The language of Lepcha, the mountain tribes of Sikkim, is rich with riverine references and astonishingly vivid with geography.
- In their folklore, the stormy tumultuous love between the rivers Rongyu and Rangeet culminates in their uniting as Teesta (*Teeth-Sutha*), the life giving river of Sikkim.
- In their genesis story, *Itbumu* 'the Great mother', created the first Lepcha man and woman with pure snow from Mt. Khangchendzonga. After death, their culture believes that the soul departs and travels up the Teesta river, and rests in Khangchendzonga again.
- *Un-ti* - to swell or increase like river.
- *Kyok* - to be curved like river.
- *Ado bryan run-nyo run-nyit su-re zon ma-ta-o* (May your name be celebrated as the rivers Rungyo and Rangeet) - A Lepcha blessing.

– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

MAKING FRIENDS FOR KIDS

Children whose rare medical conditions have little to no hope of finding their likeness at a toy store. Inspired by Milwaukee doll designer Amy Jandrisevits, whose "A Doll Like Me" project makes custom-designed dolls for children with disabilities, 17-year-old Ariella Pacheco decided that for her annual service project, she'd design and sew unique dolls to donate to children with rare medical conditions. To find the kids she hoped to create unique dolls for, she partnered with Fresh Start Surgical Gifts in Carlsbad, California. Pacheco was sent pictures and profiles for a number of potential doll subjects. The dolls she designed feature one with a port-wine birthmark, another with surgical scars, one with jaw alignment issues, and one with facial and cranial anomalies. Before getting started, Pacheco scoured YouTube for tutorials, and read up on her subjects' favourite pastimes and preferred colour palettes. Her goal was to ensure the kids could see themselves in her creations.

Source: goodnewsnetwork.org

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PeakLens

PeakLens will transform your mountain activity into an amazing experience, allowing you to get a deeper knowledge of the mountains.
Available on: Android

Bikemap

No matter if you're riding a mountain bike, cross bike, e-bike or road bike – the free Bikemap app helps you navigate the latest and greatest cycling paths
Available on: Android & iOS

Storybeat

You bring the pictures and videos, the app brings the music and tools! Download the best story app to share your favourite moments.
Available on: Android & iOS

FIT BIT

DWI PADA VIPARITA DANDASANA

(UPWARD-FACING TWO-FOOT STAFF POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'dwi' means 'two,' 'pada' means 'foot', 'viparita' means 'reversed' or 'inverted', 'danda' means 'staff', and 'asana' means 'pose.' It is also known as 'two-legged inverted staff pose'. It is an advanced inverted asana that requires a great deal of flexibility, especially in the back. It is a combination of Urdhva Dhanurasana (Wheel pose) and Sirsasana (Headstand). Hence, it not only stretches the spine, but is a chest and hip opener. It opens the Anahata (Heart) chakra, which is associated with compassion, acceptance, peace, self-esteem and love.

STEPS

- Lie flat on your back. Keep your feet together and hands by the side of your hips.
- While breathing deeply, raise your hips.
- At the same time, shift your knees away from your torso.
- Exhale. Slowly lift your head from the floor and straighten your arms.
- Now, bend your arms and keep the head between your feet and arms.
- You can feel the stretches in the shoulders and chest.
- Now, bring both arms under the head, and let the head rest in between your entwined fingers.
- Feel your body weight on your forearms and maintain the balance.
- Now, slowly, with all your strength raise the head and chest up from the floor.
- See that the heels are placed on the mat.
- Don't rush, do it gently. Straighten your spine, legs and elongate as much as possible.
- Stay in this position for a few seconds (30 to 60 seconds).
- Breathe normally.

BENEFITS

- Enhances body balance and opens the chest.
- Calms body and mind.
- Stretches the front body.
- Reduces uterus-related problems.
- Recommended for people with infertility, asthma, back pain and osteoporosis.
- Reduces fat, especially in the abdominal area.
- Gives flexibility to the body and shoulder gets stronger.
- Keeps women healthy.
- Improves focus and concentration.
- Strengthens legs and arms.
- Cures respiration-related problems and increases endurance.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with shoulder, back and neck injuries must avoid.
- Practise on empty stomach.
- If you feel any pain or discomfort, exit the pose.
- Avoid putting pressure on your shoulders.
- Better to practise under the guidance of a yoga teacher.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

DISSECT

Hosted by Cole Cuchna, Dissect examines a single album per season, forensically dissecting the music, lyrics, and meaning of one song per episode.
- On Apple Podcast

SIMPLY KEN - HOSTED BY KENNY SEBASTIAN

Stand-up comedian Kenny Sebastian is known for his observational humour and quirky stage presence. He talks about tackling the weekly conflicts of a comedian.
- On Spotify

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- On Spotify

HOW I BUILT THIS WITH GUY RAZ

Journalist Guy Raz dives into the stories behind some of the world's best-known companies, weaves a narrative journey about innovators, entrepreneurs and idealists, and the movements they built.
- On Google Podcast

CONAN O' BRIEN NEEDS A FRIEND

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- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.
- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

KANDA NAAL MUDHAL

Two youngsters meet in a marriage hall and fight with each other and thereafter every-time they meet they end up fighting with each other. But there comes a time when this animosity turns to love.
- Cast: Prasanna, Laila, Karthik Kumar, Regina Cassandra

RATHA KANNEER

Mohanasundaram, a philanderer and drunkard, gets married to Chandra after he returns to India. He develops a relationship with Kantha, a prostitute.
- Cast: MR Radha, MN Rajam, SS Rajendran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

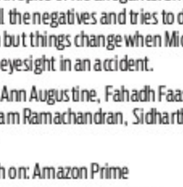
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW ONE SCIENTIST TOOK ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY BY MARK LYTLE

In 1962, Rachel Carson published her findings on DDT in "Silent Spring," which immediately drew both applause and impassioned dissent. How did this biologist and writer ignite such controversy? Mark Lytle investigates.

2 THE ARTISTS | THINK LIKE A CODER, EP 5

This is episode 5 of our animated series "Think Like A Coder." This 10-episode narrative follows a girl, Ethic, and her robot companion, Hedge, as they attempt to save the world. The two embark on a quest to collect three artifacts and must solve their way through a series of programming puzzles.

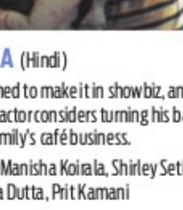


3 ALL OF THE ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE IS... BY GEORGE ZAIDAN AND CHARLES MORTON

The energy in the universe never increases or decreases – but it does move around a lot. Energy can be potential (like a stretched-out rubber band waiting to snap) or kinetic (like the molecules that vibrate within any substance). And though we can't exactly see it, every time we cook dinner or shiver on a cold night, we know it's there. George Zaidan and Charles Morton get excited about energy.

4 THE REPORTING SYSTEM THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS WANT BY JESSICA LADD

With Callisto, a new platform for college students to confidentially report sexual assault, TED Fellow Jessica Ladd is helping survivors get the support and justice they deserve while respecting their privacy concerns.



5 BEING YOUNG AND MAKING AN IMPACT BY NATALIE WARNE

At 18, Natalie Warne's work with the Invisible Children movement made her a hero for young activists. She uses her inspiring story to remind us that no one is too young to change the world.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)

An honest policeman, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta Simha, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KAITHI (Tamil)

Dilli, an ex-convict, endeavours to meet his daughter for the first time after leaving prison. However, his attempts are interrupted due to a drug raid planned by Inspector Bejoy.
- Cast: Karthi, Narain, Arjun Das, Amzath Khan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Subscription: ₹ 399 per year

OMERTA (Hindi)

A recounting of the story of infamous British-born terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, who kidnapped and murdered The Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002.
- Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Rajesh Tailang, Rupinder Nagra
- Watch on: Zee5
- Subscription: ₹ 99 per month

TRANCE (Malayalam)

Viju, a motivational speaker, is hired to be the face of a religious scam for which he undergoes rigorous training. As his popularity grows, he sinks into the depths of darkness and delusion.
- Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Nazriya Nazim, Gautham Menon, Soubin Shahir
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RUSTUM (Kannada)

The story revolves around a supercop who is sincere, brave and deadly. He is on a mission to end nexus of the organ trading mafia across the country and to take revenge for the brutal murder of his close friend.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Vivek Oberoi, Shraddha Srinath
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ARTIST (Malayalam)

Gayatri meets Michael and starts living with him in spite of his arrogance. She avoids all the negatives and tries to deal with him but things change when Michael loses his eyesight in an accident.
- Cast: Ann Augustine, Fahadh Faasil, Sreeram Ramachandran, Sidhartha Siva
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Subscription: ₹ 129 per month

MASKA (Hindi)

Determined to make it in showbiz, an aspiring actor considers turning his back on his family's café business.
- Cast: Manisha Koirala, Shirley Setia, Nikita Dutta, Prit Kamani
- Watch on: Netflix
- Subscription: ₹ 199 per month

FOREIGN

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (English)

Joanna, a young woman raised with liberal values, brings home her fiance John, a widowed, black physician. Over dinner, Joanna's parents' apprehensions become evident causing trouble for the couple.
- Cast: Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier, Cecil Kellaway
- Watch on: Mubi
- Subscription: ₹ 499 per month

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE (English)

In Mexico City, a newly modified liquid Terminator – the Rev-9 model – arrives from the future to kill a young factory worker named Dani Ramos. Also sent back in time is Grace, a hybrid cyborg human who must protect Ramos from the seemingly indestructible robotic assassin. But the two women soon find some much-needed help from a pair of unexpected allies – seasoned warrior Sarah Connor and the T-800 Terminator.
- Cast: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis, Natalia Reyes
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Subscription: ₹ 399 per year

WATCHMEN (English, series)

When masked vigilantes are treated as criminals by government agencies, some band together to start a mutiny while others aim to stop it before it yields chaos.
- Cast: Regina King, Jeremy Irons, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Tim Blake Nelson
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Subscription: ₹ 399 per year

ISADORA'S CHILDREN (French)

American dancer Isadora Duncan is famous not just for her groundbreaking work, but also for the tragic death of her two children in 1913. She processed her grief in "Mother", a choreography about loss and emptiness. A century later, a trio of women attempt to understand and bring this piece to life.
- Cast: Agathe Bonitzer, Manon Carpentier, Marika Rizzi
- Watch on: Mubi
- Subscription: ₹ 499 per month

Abhay, Kunal, Imtiaz, Jyotsna and Sunaina

Good morning, Bangalore

It is nice to see a quiet buzz in Bangalore as restaurateurs and retailers open their doors to welcome customers. Since liquor has made its way back to pubs and bars, owners are waiting with bated breath, hoping that the young and old will want to venture out and enjoy themselves after months of being mentally and physically locked up. Some areas are doing better than others. For instance, the UB City Mall seems to inspire a certain confidence and it's nice to see it buzzing during the weekends. I live in the CBD area and every time I pass the multitude of retail outlets, beauty parlours and restaurants, I see them partially full. Way better than the eerie and gloomy situation that one witnessed a couple of months ago.

Out, about and aware

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI

I have been doing quite a bit of reading up on this strange predicament (for the lack of a better word) we find ourselves in. My friend Priya Chetty-Rajgopal, an activist and head hunter, is of the view that never before has the entire planet been subjected to the same economic conundrum or illness before. The world has had its share of economic upheavals, but never before has it happened to all the countries at the same time for the same reason. We are subjected to so many varying theories on a daily basis, that sometimes we find it difficult in separating fact from fiction.

In my opinion, the lockdown has been a failure. It has devastated the economic health of our country. The first lockdown was initiated within four hours and that didn't give panicked immigrants time to get back to their respective homes and their mass exodus on foot perhaps contributed to the further spread of the virus into the hinterland. Sufficient funds were not spent on upgrading medical facilities and no plan for dealing with the ensuing health and financial crisis was effectively communicated. This left a nation of over a billion people reeling with a crisis of halved salaries, unpaid loans and EMIs, a dark cloud of death looming over them and forced imprisonment in our homes or wherever we were caught, with dire consequences if we disobeyed... And we were told it was all for our good!

Well, all that is in the past. Bangalore has opened up and our safety is now our responsibility. This has put the swish set in a fix! Damned if you do and damned if you don't. This has resulted in a very hush-hush situation. I remember when the initial lockdown was lifted there were self-appointed monitors who used Facebook, like all cowards, to chastise and shame people who ventured out. Many people even today venture out incognito, always afraid that someone may disapprove!

I can only say my mood lifted by many notches to be at the intimate and responsible brunch at the newly re-opened Zen at The Leela Palace. There were only the six of us and our charming hosts GM Kunal Chauhan and his wife Sunaina gave us a whiff of how we can still revel in good company, and excellent cocktails and food, with the sun on our faces, the wind in our hair and music in the air! I think I was myself after ages! I playfully demanded hand-made mayonnaise from their executive chef Mir Zafar Ali, and while the rest of the guests gasped at my impunity, he obliged with a smile. It was a care-free afternoon with all the safety protocols adhered to.

Places are opening because of the economy, not because it's safe... Let's keep that in mind and be responsible and safe, not paranoid!

Home sweet home

Actor Shraddha Srinath sure had a better week than many of us. The actor came back to the city on Friday after vacationing in Coorg and Mysuru. She posted a funny story on her Instagram, saying, "I've become that person who likes to unpack their bags, put the empty bags in its place, put all the toiletries back in their place, put all the soiled clothes for wash, apply hair oil as soon as they come from their vacation. I don't know how to feel about this."

WHAT'S IN A GAME?

The recent government decision to ban PUBG has got gamers restive and parents relieved

• Vidya Iyengar

First Tik Tok and now PUBG... The recent move of the government to ban the Chinese game has left gaming enthusiasts in distress. But rather than looking at it as a setback, many are perceiving it as an opportunity. Take, for instance, Animesh Agarwal, who was persuing his CA and took a sabbatical to get into e-gaming industry in 2018. The PUBG streamer and influencer who earned a six-digit income per month through the game, says this ban could lead to more opportunities. "This craze was something else all together. But after the ban on other Chinese apps, it was expected. We are just looking at it as one game in a sea of games being banned. This is not a setback but a new beginning," says the founder of 8bit, an e-sports team.

Over the last few years, Masud Raihan, an IT support professional, had got hooked to PUBG. Now, while he's looking for a back-up game, Raihan is also contemplating buying a PS4 to play the PC version. "This was the only game I've played for so long, otherwise I would get bored within a week or two. It was a stressbuster, but now I will have to look at Call of Duty or other games," says the 26-year-old. Unlike many other games, PUBG, he says, got so popular because it doesn't require constant attention. "It was possible to play it even with tired eyes," he adds.

Communications professional Vinod Kumar S feels that the ban brings a huge relief for parents. "It shifts a child's focus from studies. It is extremely violent and addictive," says Kumar, whose 16-year-old nephew often came over to his house in Kamanahalli to play PUBG. "The boy's parents are very strict at home, so he comes over to mine," he adds.

Keerti Singh, co-founder of Hitwicket, a mobile gaming startup which sees Bengaluru among the top three cities in terms of number of gamers from India, points out that the gaming market in the country is largely dominated by Western and Chinese developers. "PUBG is estimated to have generated about $100 million from Indian gamers. Currently, India is the number one country in terms of game downloads, but when it comes to revenue, a significant portion of it goes abroad. When we talk about digital goods, it is easy for foreign gaming companies to add India to their market, there is not much additional infrastructure that they need to invest in. However, if the gaming industry in India were to be dominated by homegrown apps, you can imagine the kind of ecosystem and the employment it could generate," she explains. Singh adds that worth of mobile gaming has gone from 0 to $70 billion in less than 15 years, which shows its immense potential in India. "The move to ban Chinese apps is going to inspire and create opportunities for Indian app developers to think big and to think global," she says.

"After the previous ban, this was expected. We are looking at it as one game in a sea of games being banned. This is not a setback but a new beginning —Animesh Agarwal, PUBG streamer

PLAY ON

City-based nCore Games is launching a multiplayer game called Fearless and United: Guards (FAU:G). It's based on scenarios faced by Indian security forces to counter threats. Teams of five will be able to collaborate to fight evil. The game is expected to launch in October and will be available for Android and iOS. It has been developed under mentorship of actor Akshay Kumar, and nCore will donate 20% of revenue to Bharat Ke Veer Trust. Akshay Kumar says, "I hope when Indian youngsters play FAU:G, they will learn about sacrifices of soldiers." Co-founder-CEO Dayanidhi MG says, "We managed MOBA games like Vainglory of SuperEvil Megacorp for the worldwide audience. We've worked with global studios like Rovio. We are now creating games that Indians can relate to."

CITY READ

Teachers' Day wishes

On behalf of the government, Prof M R Doreswamy, adviser, Education Reforms, Government of Karnataka has extended greetings and best wishes to all teacher colleagues on the occasion of Teachers' Day. "We have to rededicate ourselves to the inspirational values of Dr S Radhakrishnan who said the future of the country is shaped in classrooms," he said. He called upon all teachers to strengthen the resolve of the government to implement the transformational changes mandated by the National Education Policy 2020 in the best interests of the students across the state.

Donation for Covid-19 fight

Interplex Electronics India Private Limited (Bangalore and Chennai), manufacturer of high precession interconnects, sensor & header connectors, etc, donated medical devices worth ₹20 lakh to SDS Tuberculosis Research Centre and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, Bangalore, and Tiruvallur Govt medical college designated Covid-19 Hospital, Tamil Nadu, to support India's fight against Covid-19.

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Decoding pleasure

For most of us pleasure, and its expression, is very important. Most of our moral values are based on it, an ultimate or immediate pleasure, and our whole psychological training, as well as physical, neurological, hereditary, is based on the pursuit of pleasure. If you examine not only the outward values and judgements of society, but also examine, look within ourselves, you will see that pleasure and its evaluation and judgement is the main pursuit of our lives. We may resist, we may sacrifice, we may achieve or deny, but at the end of it there is always this sense of gaining pleasure, satisfaction, contentment, being pleased, gratified. (You will have to sit down because you can't be disturbed when you are talking about this because - take your time and settle down, will you?) And, self-expression, or fulfilment is a form of pleasure, and when that pleasure is thwarted, blocked, then there is not only fear, but out of that fear there is aggression. Please, watch this in yourselves - you are not just listening to a lot of words, they have no meaning, or ideas, then you can read a book or psychological explanation that'll have no value, but if we are investigating together, step by step, then you will see for yourself what an extraordinary thing comes out of it; bearing in mind that we are not saying you must not have pleasure, that pleasure is wrong as the various religious groups throughout the world maintain, especially the saints. And saints are really quite neurotic people, and I don't know why they have become saints, probably it's a part of the vested interest of the church, and that is so throughout the world. So we are not saying you must suppress, deny, control, translate to a higher level and all that kind of thing, we are just examining, and if we can examine it quite objectively, deeply, then out of that comes a different state of mind which has a bliss but not pleasure. Bliss is something entirely different.

So we are going to go into it. Pleasure – we know what pleasure is - the looking at a beautiful mountain, a lovely tree, the light in a cloud that is chased by the wind across the sky, the beauty of a river, with its clear running water. There is a great deal of pleasure in watching all of this; and in seeing the beautiful face of a woman, a man or a child; the pleasure that comes through touch, taste, seeing, listening - which we all know. And when that intense pleasure is sustained by thought, and when that pleasure is thwarted, then there is a counter-action which is aggression, reprisal, anger, hate, aggression born out of the feeling of not getting that pleasure which you are after, and therefore fear, which is again fairly obvious if you observe it. And the more this expression, self-expression from which pleasure is derived, the more thought seeks to express that pleasure in different ways.

— *Jiddu Krishnamurti*

A new beginning

• Vidya Iyengar

During the lockdown I was completely consumed in the book. It was like the characters were driving me to tell their stories

—Noor Baig, actress-playwright

Years after losing his son, a government employee confronts grief when faced with another bereft soul; two gym-mates find that there's more to magnetism than meets the eye; touring Edinburgh and London, a successful theatre couple tries to go 'back to the beginning'. These are the short stories that feature in actress-playwright Noor Baig's debut book, *A-Quaint-Essences*, which delves into encounters, relationships and friendships that go beyond the usual definition. If 2020 had been just another year, Baig – the wife of actor-director Mohammad Ali Baig – would have been travelling to Russia, the USA and other Indian cities with their play. But homebound thanks to the pandemic, she decided to get into publishing some works. "I've always been fascinated by human relationships, emotions and finding meaning in every meeting. I would write only what I would want to read," says the Hyderabad-based vice-president of Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation.

The 120-odd page book has 10 short stories, and has been published by Notion Press. While most of the stories are fictional, they have been inspired by some real-life meetings. In fact, the story, *Back to the Beginning*, is loosely outlined on her husband and her.

Writing has always been an important part of her life. But is there a difference between writing for the stage and for a book? "It's different, there's the audience element. In short story writing, there's a lot of internalisation of characters. In the former, there's an immediate response, but in books, there's no immediate response," she says, adding that at the end of the day, it's the process of story telling that is the heart of the matter.

Baig spent the lockdown penning these tales, many of which were with her for along time. "I prefer writing in the mornings, but during the lockdown I was completely consumed in the book. It was like the characters were driving me to tell their stories," she says.

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'HAPPY TO SEE THAT FANS HAVE KEPT THE BUZZ GOING FOR *ROBERRT*'

...says Asha Bhat, who is looking forward to the unveiling of the first look of the film on her birthday

Asha Bhat

A still from Roberrt

A Sharadhaa

The makers of Darshan-starrer *Roberrt* has a surprise for the film's heroine, Asha Bhat, by planning to reveal her first look from the film on Sept. 5 on her birthday. The model-turned-heroine, who marked her film career with the Bollywood film, *Junglee*, starring Vidyut Jammwal, now makes her Kannada film debut with *Roberrt*, in which she is paired opposite the Challenging Star. According to director Tharun Kishore Sudhir, Asha Bhat plays Amrutha, a foreign returned girl who initially sees a clash of cultures.

The actor, who hails from Shivamogga and is currently based in Mumbai, says she is happy to be receiving this surprise gift from the team. She recalls that the shoot began on her birthday last year. "It's been one year, and the momentum has been going strong. Though I am still a nobody in the Kannada cinema industry, I am so thrilled to see the kind of buzz this film has been creating, especially among Darshan fans. I am really glad that I am associated with such a good team," says Asha, adding, "*Roberrt* is a film to look forward to post the Covid pandemic. But right now, I am also looking forward to the first look of mine to be out today."

Apart from Darshan and Asha Bhat in the lead roles, the film, made under the banner of Umapathy Films, also stars Jagapathi Babu as the main antagonist, and Devaraj, Vinod Prabhakar, Sonal Monteiro, Ravi Kishan, Chikkanna and Shivaraj K R Pete as part of the cast.

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> — **Asha Bhat,** actor

Asha Bhat, who is waiting for the entertainment industry to regain full-fledged operations, is currently using her time to read new scripts for movies and web series. "I heard that shooting of Kannada films has resumed in full scale, but the Mumbai film industry is yet to roll out such plans. A lot of scriptwriters and directors have used this time to write stories, and I got to reading a handful of good subjects, but nothing is finalised," says Asha Bhat, who is also brushing up on her language skills and also taking up online acting classes. "The last few months, when we were locked indoors, was a learning phase, when I worked on the craft and watched a lot of fims," she says and adds that If it was not for the pandemic, *Roberrt* would have been out as per the original release plans. "But now, I have to wait for some more time to talk about my next projects. Right now, all focus is on *Roberrt,"* she says.

THE BOYS SEASON 2

Darker, more twisted and more enjoyable

Developed by: Eric Kripke
Cast: Karl Urban, Jack Quaid, Antony Starr, Erin Moriarty, Dominique McElligott, Aya Cash
Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video

Gopinath Rajendran

What separates *The Boys* from the deluge of superhero content out there is its dichotomy of being able to be crass, crude and insensitive, while at once having its heart in the right place. It's a series in which there's a sensitive scene about a father playing catch with his son; but it's also one in which a superhero's power is having genitalia that can be elongated.

Season 2 of this hit series, based on the comic book of the same name by Garth Ennis and Darick Robertson, continues from the first season's final revelation that the wife of Billy Butcher (Karl Urban), allegedly raped by Homelander (Antony Starr), is not dead but is actually the mother of Homelander's son. Season 2's theme is about rediscovery of identity, and uncovering truths, and this extends to every character out there.

While Season 1 served more as an origins story of our titular delinquent superheroes, this season shows us the vulnerability beneath all the badassery—we even learn that one of the supes has a nut allergy. Homelander, who's lost Madelyn Stillwell, is on the look out for reassurance and affection and goes to creepier extremes than you have already seen from him in the first season. Billy, who has not had time to process his new reality, is desperate to save his wife from Homelander. Meanwhile, Homelander is also trying to be a better dad for a son who happens to be the first human to have natural superpowers. Hughie (Jack Quaid), who's as clueless as we was during the previous season, finds his ground and is shown to be the only moral person around along with Starlight (Erin Moriarty). A-Train (Jessie T Usher) and the Deep (Chace Crawford) are fighting their own battles, while we learn more about the background of Frenchie (Tomer Capon) and Kimiko (Karen Fukuhara). We also get a new joinee to The Seven in the form of Stormfront (Aya Cash), a rebel who looks to upset the established order.

RATING 3.5/5

Season 2 is as much, if not more, unapologetic than its predecessor. Xenophobia, racism, animal cruelty, misogyny, corporate greed, substance abuse... you name it, you get it. The Boys tops it all up with a liberal dose of reference to Hitler and the Nazi regime. This unapologetically dark storytelling has been the USP of the series and is a relief from some superhero films that are dark only in how little light is used to show proceedings. I liked that while Boys Season 2 has its proceedings set in today's world, it resists the temptation to satire it. For example, a character who gets ousted for being a sexual predator turns to a 'religion' for help, reminding us of a popular real-world example. There's also a running gag on the Coca-Cola drink, Fresca. The Boys is a cleverly written series where even the smallest of details are paid attention to. In a blink-and-miss scene, we get shown the website of Vought International, and if you google that—as I did—you get taken to Sony Pictures' page for *The Boys*. Such little details add up to make you fonder of this series.

The tragic backstories provide ample room for the cast to showcase their performative prowess. The characters are also more fleshed out than before, which has the effect of making each episode almost one-hour long. Though plenty can be spoken about the enjoyable performances, Antony Starr, as Homelander, quite steals the show. Be it the character's struggling personal life or the equally distressing professional side, where his public image as the friendly neighbourhood superhero gets increasingly tarnished, the way he sucks it all up without breaking down makes for some intense scenes. As an aside, that Giancarlo Esposito is getting a longer role than what we saw in Season 1 is enough to spark joy for Breaking Bad fans.

Season 2 captures the twisted and ludicrous lives of almost a dozen grey characters. For every CGI-heavy, big-budget superhero film that's going to come up soon, let's hope that we get more grounded stories like these. With Season 3 confirmed, it's safe to say that *The Boys* are here to stay, and I, for one, am thrilled.

VIJAY SURIYA to headline *Veeraputhra*

CE Features

The action commercial drama is helmed by Devaraja, who has also written the story, screenplay, dialogues and lyrics for the story that deals with a medical subject

Fuelled by a passion towards filmmaking, Devaraja S, an assistant professor of bio-chemistry at Tumkur University, took up direction. He made his directorial debut with *Supplementary,* and is now getting ready with *Veeraputhra,* for which he has written the story, screenplay, and dialogues as well. He has taken up a subject that deals with the medical system -- a debate between folk medicine and allopathy, and its implications. Headlining this action-commercial project will be Vijay Suriya. The popular face of *Agnisakshi,* who made a transition from teleserials to the silver screen, will be seen in three shades, and the first look was revealed by the team ahead of Vijay Suriya's birthday on Sept. 7. The film is being produced by Guru Bande under the banner of Tanvi Production House. The team has finalised the lead cast, and a few technicians, including music director Raghav Subhash and DOP Uday Kiran. Director Devaraja plans to take the film on floors when the pandemic outbreak gets better.

Vijay Suriya

Vidyut Jammwal's *Khuda Haafiz* gets a sequel

CE Features

Vidyut Jammwal's recent release, *Khuda Haafiz,* is getting a sequel. Directed by Faruk Kabir, *Khuda Haafiz Chapter II* will go on floors in 2021.

The first part was released on Disney+ Hotstar on August 14. The film is inspired by a real incident during the 2008 financial crisis, where a Indian woman was kidnapped and forced into the flesh trade in the Gulf.

In *Khuda Haafiz,* Vidyut's character, Sameer, goes on a one-man rescue mission to save his wife Nargis (Shivaleeka Oberoi). The cast also featured Annu Kapoor.

A riveting flight with slight turbulence

Director: Shailender Vyas
Streaming on: Sony LIV
Cast: Abhay Deol, Pankaj Kapur, Piyush Mishra, Ritika Anand

RATING 3/5

Avinash Ramachandran

Indian sci-fi films don't always work because the premise is either too dumbed down or we bring in so many other layers into it that the sci-fi element is watered down. Sony LIV's latest original, *JL 50,* is one of those solid sci-fi thrillers from India that doesn't shy away from aiming for the stars but has its feet firmly grounded in quintessential Indian emotions.

Halfway through the film, the quantum physicist Professor Das (a brilliant Pankaj Kapur) asks sceptical CBI officer Shanthanu (a restrained and effective Abhay Deol) why he doesn't believe in time travel even when there is overwhelming evidence for it. "When it happens in the West, it is called a phenomenon and money is spent on research. Here, we call it a 'story' and look past it. We never ask any questions, and assume such things to be an act of God." A valid outburst from an academician who has spent all his life trying to develop the formula for finding wormholes that facilitate time travel. What brings together this CBI officer and the wizened old physicist is flight JL 50, which went missing in 1984, coming down crashing in 2019 with just two survivors who haven't aged a day — co-pilot Bihu Ghosh (Ritika Anand) and passenger BC Mitra (an enjoyably over-the-top Piyush Mishra).

However, Shanthanu has his reasons for his scepticism. There is a revolutionary group involved in the hijacking of a flight AO 26 in the present-day. The same group was, in a way, part of the *JL 50* flight too. What if it is all a staged ploy by forces against the country? No wonder Shanthanu takes his time to get behind the idea that an angry mad scientist actually achieved the unthinkable. We do too, and in these portions, the writing and pacing give us time to get behind the concept. JL 50 works more as an investigative thriller in these scenes, and the plot unfolds in a lesiurely manner, which is refreshing. It also helps that the four-episode web series is set in Kolkata, a city with a lethargic old-world charm to it. The city beautifully lends itself to the investigative portions of the film with its narrow bylanes and old-fashioned houses, picturesquely captured by the lens of Bradley Stuckel.

With minimal characters in play, writer-director Shailendra Vyas gives himself the necessary space to convince the characters and the audience about the rules of his world. JL 50 is constructed around simple rules, well explained by Pankaj's Dr Das. For any action, there is a particular reaction, and *JL 50* remains true to its self-written rules. Now, are these rules too simple? Yes. Are these timelines confusing? No. Is it enough to qualify as an engrossing attempt at the sci-fi genre? Most definitely.

There are some blatant issues with the film, mainly some glaring continuity errors that might have cropped up while making what was essentially a 2-hour film into a four-part web series. Certain scripting decisions feel a bit too convenient. However, Shailender and team are true to the premise in hand, and such missteps can be brushed away as minor disappointments in a series that otherwise carries itself carefully, knowing it will surely be subject to scrutiny.

The thing is we, as an audience, heavily fed with sci-fi films from outside India, tend to be dismissive of similar homemade attempts. These are either dismissed as plagiarised or given a cold shoulder because they don't measure up to content produced on a much bigger scale. Although these reservations are valid, Shailender Vyas deftly marries the genre-specific content with solid Indian emotions to take us on an engrossing, if intermittently shaky, ride.

As we finally land, and the worlds of Shanthanu, Dr Das, Bihu, and Dr Mitra seem to be wrapped up with a neat bow, Shailender Vyas teases us with a sweetly-poised cliffhanger that piques our interest for a possible second season and hopefully... a more assured flight.